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Fresh claim made over fraudster

DETECTIVES have revealed they are to investigate yet more claims of fraud allegedly carried out by the disgraced former Tipton Town FC chairman Bill Williams.

Officers say they are probing a further three cases after the accountant was jailed for illegally pocketing more than £276,000 from the life insurance and pension policies of a murdered father.

Police spokesman Lee Page said: "We have had contact from three other people who claim they have been duped by Bill Williams."

Father-of-two Williams is just days into a five-and-a-half year prison term for taking cash owed to the daughter of murdered South Staffordshire company director Andrew Diack.

Williams, a grandfather of two of of Chester Road, West Bromwich, spent the cash on luxury family holidays to the USA, season tickets at Aston Villa and lavish family parties.

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Inquiry on park rape allegation

A RAPE inquiry was launched this week after a young woman complained she was attacked in a Dudley park.

A tent was set up at the scene as police carried out forensic tests.

Officers were called to Grange Park, near the Hinley Street entrance, at around 1.40am on Monday following reports of the serious sexual assault.

Insp Mark Wilson, from the public protection unit, said the victim was being interviewed by officers to collect evidence.

"It is very early stages of the investigation. The scene had been preserved to protect any evidence," he said.

A resident of nearby Walters Row, who did not want to be named, said they had heard police cutting through the lock of the gate at the park entrance in Hinley Street at around 5.20am on Monday.

MP's bid to halt fire station sale

DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin is calling on the West Midlands Fire Authority to drop its plans to sell the site of Sedgley Fire Station for a new housing development.

Last month the Fire Service placed the site on the market after outline planning permission was granted for the development of eight properties.

Instead Mr Austin wants to see the building made available to the local community as a youth centre.

The Tipton Road fire station closed in November 2008 despite a campaign backed by the MP which saw 12,000 people signing a petition protesting against its closure.

"We wanted to bring this club back for Black Country people and we are really looking forward to it," she said.

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Georgina Unit pioneer retires after 38 years



Ros Bratt-Wyton surrounded by friends and family at her retirement party after 38 years as a nurse in Dudley

IT is finally time for leading Black Country nurse Ros Bratt-Wyton to put her feet up after a 38-year career which has included helping to raise millions of pounds for cancer patients.

Clinical nurse Mrs Bratt-Wyton, aged 63, is retiring after notching up almost four decades working at hospitals in Dudley. She treated the first patient at Russells Hall Hospital when it opened.

Her greatest achievement was helping to establish the hospital's leukaemia and cancer department, known as the Georgina Unit, in 1998.

Around £3.5 million has been raised by fundraisers to help the Georgina Unit provide treatment to cancer sufferers and support to their families.

The grandmother-of-five was treated to a surprise party by her colleagues at the David Lloyd Centre, in Brierley Hill. Friends and family attended, as well as some of Mrs Bratt-Wyton's past patients.

"It has been amazing to see the developments in medicine to help with the treatment of patients over the years," she said.

"I've loved being able to look after my staff over the years as well."

Born in Gornal, Mrs Bratt-Wyton now lives with her husband of 45 years, retired electrician Alex, 69, in Strathmore Drive, Coseley. She has two children Helen, 43, and 41-year-old Richard. Mrs Bratt-Wyton started working as an office secretary before her sister Lesley, who was working a district nurse, persuaded her to apply for a role with the health service.

She applied to train at the former Burton Road Hospital before moving for a stint at the Guest Hospital.

Change

After starting at Russells Hall in the 1980s, Mrs Bratt-Wyton said she wanted the hospital to have its own dedicated cancer and leukaemia ward to help improve care.

"Patients were only treated for cancer on the general wards so something had to change," she said.

"It is an achievement to see what we have done in getting the centre up and running."

Mr Bratt-Wyton said: "She has done so much for the hospital with fundraising for the unit that I'm glad she is getting some recognition."

OLD DANILO TO BE NIGHTCLUB

A DERELICT Black Country cinema is being transformed into a 1,000 capacity nightclub creating more than 30 jobs, it emerged this week.

The former Daniло cinema, in Dudley Road, Brierley Hill, will become Pulse nightclub after it changed hands for £150,000.

The new owners say they hope the nightclub will re-create the atmosphere of Dudley's legendary JB's club.

The Art Deco-style building is steeped in history having played host to singer and ukulele star George Formby at its opening in 1936.

The Daniло cinema lasted until February 22, 1969. It became a nightclub known as Eclipse, then as Oxygen and lastly as The Deep, before closing down about three years ago. It was sold at auction recently.

Martina Maxwell, aged 30, is part of the management team busy making final preparations to open the club on July 9.

"We wanted to bring this club back for Black Country people and we are really looking forward to it," she said.

The high ceilings and tiered floors remain at the premises, harking back to its days as a cinema.

New VIP areas are being created on the upper floors with swanky new bars.

Mrs Maxwell said she had received about 300 applications for 30 jobs.

And club bosses have already received offers from promoters and have planned to link up with the Kerrang! radio station for its main nights.

First film

Malcolm Palmer, Stourbridge branch secretary of the George Formby Appreciation Society, thought back to the Daniло's opening day.

He said: "George did a performance on the day which was quite an honour for the cinema."

He said Formby had been invited along by the Earl of Dudley. The star attended the ceremony on December 21 with his dancer wife Beryl.

The first film to be screened at the Daniло was The Lady Consents, starring Ann Harding and Herbert Marshall.



Lord Lloyd Webber

Famous loco foundry may get Lloyd Webber funding

A FOUNDRY which pioneered the manufacture of steam locomotives is in line to benefit from a £2 million fund set up by English Heritage and Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The Foster and Rastrick Foundry site in Lowndes Road, Stourbridge, has been named on a list of historic buildings being considered for the Challenge Fund, which supports efforts to save listed buildings.

The Grade II* building has been on English Heritage's register as being seriously at risk since 1999. It is rapidly falling into disrepair and is regularly targeted by vandals.

Plans to transform the site, into a medical complex were submitted by Quadrant Land Partnership and

approved last year, but work has yet to start. The new fund will mean that any building preservation trust or other volunteer groups willing to save country houses, churches and industrial buildings can apply for grants of up to £200,000.

"I am delighted that my foundation will be contributing to a solution for at least some of England's 1,600 Grade I and II* buildings at risk," said Lord Lloyd Webber.

The healthcare complex will be named The Lion Medical Centre in recognition of the foundry manufacturing the first steam locomotive to run commercially in America in 1829. It was known as the Stourbridge Lion.

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Imperial measure demand backed

MARKETraders in the Black Country want to see imperial weight measurements once again displayed on their stalls.

Their claim is being backed by West Midlands MEP Mike Nattrass.

Shopkeepers who flout the laws following metrification risk prosecution.

However, traders at Walsall Market are now calling for change after Asda started stocking 1lb punnets of strawberries on its shelves.

Mr Nattrass said more should be done to promote and protect imperial measurements.

Learn

"Schoolchildren should learn more about imperial measurements," he said.

"It would be sad to see our traditional British measures die out altogether. I welcome Asda's decision to use imperial measurements".

Karen Sands, former chairman of Walsall Market Traders Association, said: "The majority of our customers ask for things in imperial measurements. They ask, for say, a pound of cod or half a pound of prawns."

"I would say about 90 per cent of our customers ask for things in imperial measurements."

Ghostly goings-on as Crooked House set to have a starring role in new film

IT has been famous across the Midlands for hundreds of years for its slanting appearance and resident ghosts.

But now the Crooked House pub in Hinley is set to attract a new legion of fans – as the star of its own movie. Los Angeles based film-maker Mark Todd, who comes from Wednesbury, has written a screenplay called The Crooked House.

The ghost story was inspired by the pub's history and Mr Todd, aged 46, believes American audiences will love it.

He said: "There is a real

fascination with Englishness and the feedback I have received so far has been great."

It has interested an American production company and filming should start start in October.

It tells the story of an LA-based English film director who buys the Crooked House and moves in with his American wife.

Soon ghosts start to appear and set off a chain of events, climaxing in a dramatic ending.

While shooting the movie he will also make a documentary about ghosts in the Dudley area – looking in



Film fame – The Crooked House pub and owners, brothers Wayne and Jason Penn particular at the castle and the Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge. A former puppeteer

on TV shows such as Live and Kicking and Noel's House Party, Mr Todd moved to LA five years ago after marrying his actress wife Ashley. He said: "On a

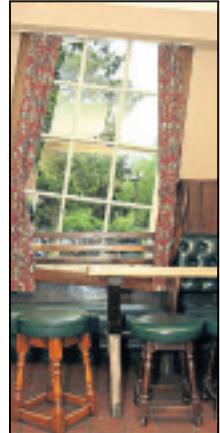
visit home last year we went to the pub and thought what a great location it would make for a film."

"The more I told people about it, the better the idea seemed, so I got I started to put the wheels in motion."

He contacted owners Wayne and Jason Penn, who admit they needed "no persuading" to take part.

The Crooked House is said to have two ghosts – a young girl referred to as Polly, and a barmaid.

Wayne said: "The pub is well known across the world for the ghosts here and I'm sure audiences will enjoy it."



One of topsy-turvy rooms

Revamp cost hits plan for £4.3m regeneration

A £4.3 MILLION project to revive Dudley town centre was dealt a blow as plans to transform a prominent building into a Continental-style restaurant were put on hold. The Carvers Cafe in Priory Street had been earmarked for restoration, turning it into a cafe-restaurant complete with outdoor seating area.

But Dudley Council bosses have admitted they did not have the funds to start work. The project had been billed as "underpinning" the rest of the multi-million pound regeneration plan, meaning work on the adjacent Stone Street regeneration, Councillor Angus Adams, said the council was now focusing on other buildings which needed less work.

He said: "Carvers Cafe is on the list – but it will stay on the list for a while now."

"It is still definitely part of the plan for the town centre, but financial constraints mean we won't be able to start work on it as soon as we had hoped."

"It needs a fair bit of work done to it and we haven't got a tenant yet."

"If we get a tenant, the situation could change."

"In the meantime, we are still continuing work on other buildings in the town centre."

The town project is being funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Advantage West Midlands.

Coroner adjourns inquest on man

AN inquest has opened on 71-year-old David Dillworth, of Green Street, Dudley, who died at Russells Hall Hospital on June 2 has been adjourned to allow further investigations to take place.

The assistant deputy Black Country coroner opened the inquest at Smethwick Coroner's Office last week.

Building of new homes finished

THE site of a derelict Dudley pub that became a magnet for anti-social behaviour has been transformed into 30 homes.

Work has been completed on the Jephson Homes Housing Association development on the site of the former Washington Arms on the Wrens Nest estate.

The pub closed in January 2006 and Jephson unveiled plans for the site 18 months later, but the project was shelved as the economy floundered.

Contractors finally began building the 14 three-bedroom houses and 16 one and two-bedroom flats, which make up Washington

Funding

Dudley Senior Citizens' Enterprise Woodwork Group used timber from the demolished pub to create bird nesting boxes.

Funding for the scheme included a £1.5million grant from the Homes and Communities Agency.

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Bill Williams – jailed for five-and-a-half years

Prison for accountant who preyed on life's vulnerable

THE former chairman of Tipton Town FC has started a five-and-a-half year jail sentence for pocketing more than £276,000 from the life insurance and pension policies of a murdered father.

Accountant Bill Williams splashed the cash on luxury family holidays to the US, Aston Villa season tickets and lavish family parties.

The convicted fraudster set in motion plans to steal money owed to the two-year-old daughter of company director Andrew Diack just days after the 29-year-old was stabbed to death in a Wolverhampton pub.

Williams had listed himself as an executor of a life insurance and pension policy he helped to set up for father-of-one Mr Diack while working as his accountant.

Thousands was also ploughed into Tipton Town FC, while the rest was spent on clearing debts and office improvements for his Dudley-based accountancy business.

Paying

Now it can be revealed Williams also ripped off pensioners Ronald and Sheila Haynes for £97,000 in a separate fraud. He was paying that money back at a rate of £2,000 a month but around £50,000 is still owed to the devastated Walsall couple, who had enlisted the father of two as an accountant.

"He's taken our entire life savings and ruined us," said Mrs Haynes.

At Wolverhampton Crown Court last week, Judge Amjad Nawaz described Williams as a man who "preyed on the vulnerable" for his own gain, telling him: "You have committed crime after crime, adding misery upon misery to the people who have come across.

"It was behaviour just to line your own pockets."

Williams, of Chester Road, West Bromwich, admitted two charges of fraud at a previous hearing and showed no emotion as he was led to the cells.

Heartless fraudster pocketed £97,000 life savings

Disgraced grandfather conned elderly couple

WHEN Ronald Haynes was diagnosed with dementia, his loving wife Sheila decided to enlist the help of an accountant to handle their considerable life savings.

It was a decision she felt was both necessary and sensible to secure their future.

But unfortunately for the Walsall family, the accountant they employed was Bill Williams, owner of Dudley-based firm Williams & Co, who was today starting a lengthy prison term for a £276,000 fraud against Wolverhampton murder victim Andrew Diack.

The disgraced 59-year-old targeted Mr and Mrs Haynes in a similar crime, pocketing the couple's £97,000 life savings.

"He's taken our entire life savings and ruined us," said Mrs Haynes. "I'm just not the same person anymore. I've been suicidal because of what he has done."

The grandmother-of-seven, who has two great-grandchildren, said Williams had been recommended to her son Tim by a father at her grandson's football team, the Black Country Bullets.

Account

"When Ron was diagnosed in 2008, I was advised by doctors to get power of attorney and to get an accountant to help out with that," said the 66-year-old Mrs Haynes.

Williams, of Chester Road, West Bromwich, advised the retired care worker to take £97,000 from a series of bank accounts, close them down and hand over cheque books and account details to him.

The money was to be consolidated into one account but as Mrs Haynes was soon to discover, that never happened.

"At the end of 2008 I asked him for some of our money for a holiday but he never came up with it. He just kept making excuses," said the mother-of-two, whose 76-year-old husband previously owned his own firm, Ronald Haynes Transport.

"I managed to get what I needed from money I had kept back, but then in 2009, we were having the house refurbished and I needed a lot of money to do that."

"I got in touch with Bill and again, there was nothing. Just more excuses for why he couldn't get the money to me."

Mrs Haynes sought the advice of her bank, who also involved the police. The couple then discovered all their money had disappeared.

Believes

After being confronted, Williams agreed to pay back £2,000 a month so he could avoid criminal charges.

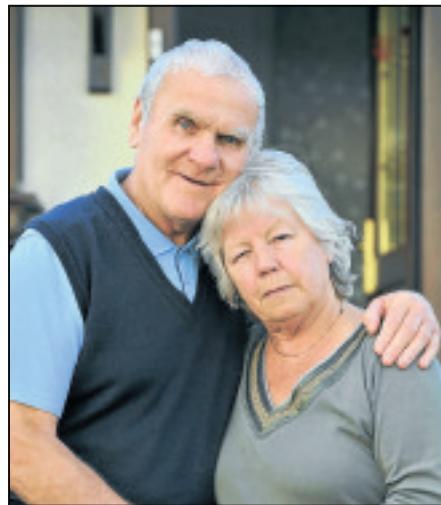
Since August 2009, in the region of £40,000 has been repaid but there still remains a debt of more than £50,000. Devastated Mrs Haynes believes she will now never get her money back. "He's going to be in no position to pay up," she said.

Around the same time Williams was ripping off the Haynes family, Wolverhampton businessman Andrew Diack was celebrating news that he and his partner, Rachel Evans, were expecting their first child.

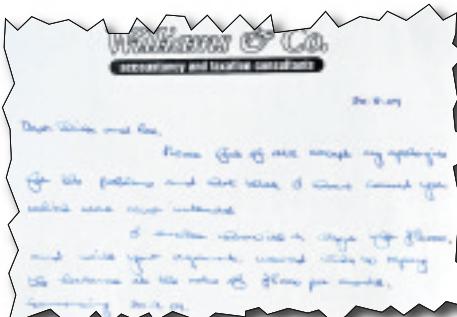
Former Tipton Town FC chairman Williams had earlier helped Mr Diack, a co-



Bill Williams in his role as Chairman of Tipton Town FC



Conned of £97,000 – Sheila and Ron Haynes from Walsall



The letter of apology sent from Bill Williams to the Haynes

director of Featherstone-based Spray Tanker Services, form a life insurance and pension policy, listing himself as an administrator of the two policies.

But in February 2009, 29-year-old Mr Diack was killed in a knife attack at the Flying Dutchman pub in Wolverhampton.

Just days later, Williams visited the family home on Stafford Road, Fordhouses, and took documents from Miss Evans that would net him the £276,000 payout from the two policies.

At Wolverhampton Crown Court last week, Mr Hugh O'Brien-Quinn, prosecutor, said father-of-two Williams admitted defrauding a Bupa life insurance policy worth £250,000 and an Aviva pensions

policy for £26,000, which were both due to be paid to Megan, who was born just 10 days after Mr Diack's death.

The prosecutor said in an attempt to avoid having to pay Megan money she was owed, Williams urged Mr Diack's mother, Valerie, to insist on a DNA test to prove Megan was Mr Diack's daughter.

The court heard that Williams had squandered the cash on luxury holidays, Aston Villa season tickets and lavish parties.

Thousands was also ploughed into Tipton Town FC, while the rest was spent on clearing debts and office improvements for his accountancy business.

The grandfather of two was jailed for

three years in 1996 for stealing £140,000 from clients while working as an accountant. Ten years earlier, he was locked up for three years for stealing more than £100,000 from firms that were employing him as an accountant. He used the money to pay semi-professional footballers for Harrisons FC, a team he used to manage in Great Wyrley.

Mr Andrew Mitchinson, for Williams, said: "Bill Williams is an enigma."

"On one side is the respectable businessman, father to two children and grandfather to two grandchildren."

"Unfortunately, when you turn that coin, you find a serial cheat, serial liar and serial thief."

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Proposals for changes in roads are revealed

PROPOSED road improvements, including speed limit reductions and re-surfacing around a Black Country borough have been announced for the coming year.

The programme was presented to members of Central Dudley Area Committee last week for comments.

Under the proposals, the 40mph speed limit along the Broadway, in Dudley, would be reduced to 30mph and a review to look at the installation of splitter islands carried out.

LANES around Cinder Bank Roundabout would also be reduced to two at the entrance and exit to Peartree Lane for a

trial period of three months. If successful it would be made permanent.

Anti-skid surfacing is to be installed along Buffery Road under the plans and a review of poles along Duncan Edwards Way to see if they should be placed behind crash barriers as a safety measure.

Measures

The scheme also includes proposals for traffic measures in Dixons Green Road, Stourbridge Road and in Exeter Road, Netherton, near to Netherbrook Primary School. But while members of the committee supported the plans they said other roads in the borough were in urgent need of consideration for improvement

measures. Councillor Shaukat Ali said there were problems with people parking cars along the road in North Street, Dudley, and traffic calming measures were also needed in Oakham Road.

Transport officer Peter Vandeerdal said North Street would be covered by a separate scheme and the plan was to put double yellow lines along the route. Councillor Tracey Wood said measures were already needed in Holly Street, Dudley.

Mr Vandeerdal said that road would be looked at as part of the double-yellow line scheme. He said: "The next stage will be for these measures to be discussed by officers and the cabinet member for transport before they are agreed."

A DANCE and drama club from Stourbridge are hosting a talent evening to raise much-needed funds for to keep the group going.

Members of the Let's Dance and Drama group from The KIDS Orchard Centre, on the Lye bypass, will perform at The Netherton Arts Centre, tomorrow (Friday), at 6.30pm.

KIDS West Midlands is a charity for disabled children and young people which provides social and family support activities.

The group, which boasts 28 members, aged between five and 25, want to raise funds to allow the special clubs to continue running. Tickets are £5 for adults and £4 concessions and are available on the door.

COUNCILLORS in Dudley are fighting back after the number of area committee meetings giving members and others the chance to air their views was cut from five to three a year.

Central Dudley Area Committee tabled a motion calling on the authority to rethink the move, branding the cuts "diabolical".

There are five area committees across the borough which used to each meet five times a year. But now they will only meet three times a year.

The decision forms part of the council's cost-cutting plans.

Members decided to take action after a letter was read out from a member of the public, who was

concerned residents would not have so many opportunities to ask councillors about issues affecting their areas.

And councillors said it echoed their own fears over the reduction in meetings.

Under the present programme of meetings, the committee will not meet again until October 4 – a period of nearly four months – and after that the next meeting is scheduled for January.

Councillor Malcolm Davis put forward the proposal for calling for the committee to put forward the motion asking the authority to reinstate the axed meetings.

Members agreed to submit the motion to Dudley Council strongly advising the previous five-meeting system be restored.

New Year start for work on Tesco

WORK on a £50million revamp of Stourbridge's Crown Centre including a new Tesco supermarket is expected to start in January.

Dudley Council leader, Councillor Les Jones last night told Stourbridge Township Council changes to road layout around the Crystal Leisure Centre would begin early in 2012.

He said discussions between the council and Tesco on issues such as parking arrangements continue. "It will be an 18-month project with a lot of disruption so there's quite a lot to still sort out before work can start," he said.

The seven-storey Bell Street car park will go and some Crown Centre buildings will be demolished and rebuilt to provide new shops.

Transport authority Centro is considering running a shuttle bus service from the Birmingham Street car park, on the opposite side of the ring road, to the town centre during construction.

Tesco will create about 400 jobs with Stourbridge applicants given priority where possible. Tesco hopes the store and centre will be open by Christmas 2012.

600 in bid for 90 jobs

MORE than 600 people have applied for 90 jobs at a £28 million development on the former HP Sauce factory site in Birmingham.

West Bromwich firm East End Foods is building a cash and carry supermarket and hotel on the site.

The scheme will eventually create 250 jobs.

Horses taken in bailiffs' swoop

HORSES were seized from common land in Tipton during an overnight swoop.

A Shetland pony, a black and white colt and a foal were taken from a field behind Hawthorn Road, last week.

Police meeting

THE next Police and Communities meeting for people living in the Halesowen South area will be held on July 6 at Manor Way School in Brier Mill Road, Halesowen, from 7pm.

Waterfront joins trade zone race

THE "half empty" Waterfront development next to Dudley's Merry Hill Centre has entered the race to become part of a new Black Country enterprise zone.

It would herald around 3,000 new jobs for the borough, it emerged last week. Low – or even free – business rates would be used to tempt newcomers to fill vacant accommodation.

While most enterprise zones in the country will be centred in one location, the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership is proposing an alternative on split sites, so that each of the four boroughs – Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton – get a slice of the job-spinning

benefits. Dudley Council leader, Councillor Les Jones, said the Waterfront area had been earmarked as the focus for the borough's part of the proposed Black Country enterprise zone.

Some of the Waterfront car parks could be redeveloped to pave the way for new offices and industrial units.

And some parts of Harts Hill in Brierley Hill may be included in an area of "relaxed planning" to allow industrial units to be built.

Firms that have quit the Waterfront include banking giant Egg and Virgin Media, leaving large parts of the complex available for immediate occupancy.

Councillor Jones said: "It's early days to be definitive about this."

"But the Waterfront is about 50 per cent unoccupied. This would give our part of the Black Country enterprise zone early gains because the buildings could be turned into jobs quickly."

"There would be reduced business rates – 100 per cent discounts – for five years."

Injection

Councillor Ken Turner, chairman of Dudley's regeneration, culture and adult education scrutiny committee, said the possible enterprise zone, together with a total of £250 million to £300m planned injection into new developments in Dudley and Brierley Hill town centres, was "great news for the borough".

New bins as big shake-up begins

NEW bins will be rolled out to every home in Sandwell as part of the biggest shake-up of rubbish collection in the borough in two decades.

All 112,000 households will be given a new bin while collection dates will be changed at the end of the month.

Sandwell Council is issuing bins for the first time in 20 years to replace ugly bin bags lining the streets, which are often ripped by animals. They

will be delivered from September to December.

Changes to collections, which are being made to ensure street cleaners are sent out after rubbish is picked up, will come in from June 27.

Councillor Derek Rowley, Sandwell's cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods said street cleaning would follow rubbish collections the next day. Serco, which runs the waste contract, is making the changes as part of a £20m plan to improve waste services in Sandwell.

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Changes to collections, which are being made to ensure street cleaners are sent out after rubbish is picked up, will come in from June 27.

Councillor Derek Rowley, Sandwell's cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods said street cleaning would follow rubbish collections the next day. Serco, which runs the waste contract, is making the changes as part of a £20m plan to improve waste services in Sandwell.

Home on song for D-Day tribute



Residents enjoy a D-Day party with singer Linda May at Waterside Nursing Home

PATRIOTIC fever was enjoyed at a Black Country nursing home on the 67th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

The residents of Waterside Nursing Home, in Dudley Road, Tipton, put on their hats and waved Union flags to mark the occasion.

Carer assistant Donna Mason said: "It was a great event and all the residents enjoyed themselves and had memories come flooding back to them."

Songs

"They all tucked into their Spam and loved hearing some of the old songs again that they would have heard during the war. We do something for them every year and it is always a big hit."

Singer Linda May, from Walsall, entertained the home's 40 residents with hits including Dame Vera Lynn's classic "The White Cliffs of Dover".

The D-Day landings, also known as the Normandy landings, began at 6.30am British time on Tuesday, June 6, 1944.



Brenda Foster, aged 85, and Linda May

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Broadfield House Glass Museum in Compton Drive, Kingswinford hosted its annual Paperweight Day on Saturday.

Scottish glassmaker Alastair MacIntosh was the star attraction at this year's event and demonstrated his paperweight-making skills. He studied at Edinburgh College of Art and

went on to become a designer at Caithness Glass. There was also a wide range of paperweights from some of the country's leading dealers, including Bob Hall and Just Glass, on sale at the event.

Popular
Councillor David Stanley said: "The Paperweight Day is one of the most popular events held at the glass museum and visitors come from all over the country to attend."



Demonstrator Kari Moodie with some of the museum's paperweights

Hundreds expected at festival celebrations

HUNDREDS of visitors are expected to descend on a Black Country park for its annual summer festival this weekend. This year's Wordsley Festival will take place in King George V Park, off Bells Lane, on Saturday.

The event has been organised by the Wordsley Festival Group which has drafted in events management company Stourbridge and Black Country Events.

Festival organiser Mick Davies said he wanted the event to replicate the success of the Wordsley Carnivals of the 1980s and

1990s. The carnival raised around £150,000 for good causes in more than 20 years.

"Ideally we'd love to start giving money back to charity but it is not possible at the moment but the event doesn't make a profit," he said.

"The money that we make is going to make sure we can fund the next year's event. We have had grants in the past but they were only for one year so we have to bring in the funding ourselves."

High-flying stunt riders and shows from popular children's television characters are

among the treats in store for families attending the big day.

The festival curtain-raiser was the Wordsley charity Fun Run held yesterday (Wednesday) around a two-mile course in the park. Runners were able to nominate their own charity.

On the Saturday, Fifi and the Flower Tots TV characters Fifi and Bumble will be around during the event. Stuntman Flyin' Ryan Griffiths will be staging a motorcycle stunt show. The event dates back to the original Wordsley Galain 1946.

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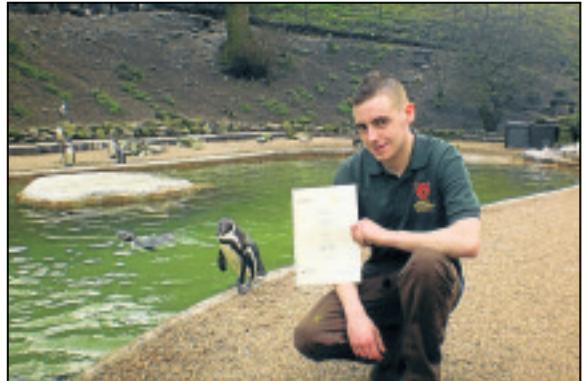
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£3m of fake goods are seized over 12 months

Trainee keeper Sam steps towards his big cat dream



Trainee Dudley Zoo keeper Sam Grove with his certificate

TRAINEE zoo keeper Sam Grove has passed his first animal care studies course with flying colours at Dudley Zoo.

The 18-year-old of Norton, Stourbridge, joined the attraction two years ago and has now gained a qualification which is the equivalent of an National Vocational Qualification Level One.

He will now begin a two-year advanced national certificate in the management of zoo animals, which will qualify him as a fully-fledged zoo keeper. Before becoming a trainee, Sam worked part time in the zoo's gift shop and also helped out at the car park.

He said: "The course was about basic

care and learning how to look after animals at the zoo.

"While completing it, I worked at the farm, and with birds, primates and ungulates." Dudley Zoo chief executive Peter Sudcock said: "Sam has proved himself as a zoo apprentice and is a most suitable candidate to become a fully qualified keeper."

"He is a very willing worker, who is committed to his role and has shown good communications skills as a member of our very dedicated team."

Once qualified the teenager hopes to work with big cats and primates.

The zoo is open daily from 10am with last admission at 4pm. The entrance fee for adults is £12.50, including a conservation donation.

ALMOST £3 million worth of fake goods were confiscated by trading standards officers in Sandwell last year, including up to £2 million of counterfeit designer clothes.

Officers also took legal action to seize cash in 12 UK bank accounts and one bank account in Spain, as well as a house in the UK, an apartment in Spain, land in Brazil and over £13,000 of jewellery.

Among goods confiscated between January and July 2010 were 2,927 pairs of headphones worth up to £223,000, a total of 3,000 video games worth up to £440,736 and 600 items of fake designer clothing including Karen Millen dresses and UGG hats worth up to £2m.

Prosecution

In the later part of the year, 1,000 Nintento DS games worth up to £18,000 were seized, along with 1,500 other video games and 40 Xbox 360 consoles worth up to £50,000.

Once fake goods have been picked up trading standards officers can apply to freeze suspect bank accounts under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

Following a successful prosecution a confiscation order can be awarded, which means the guilty party has to pay back the money they have illegally obtained. This could mean they have to sell homes, land or cars.

This year's seizure figures have gone up from just £1 million last year.

Choirs in harmony to help boost Action for Children

TWO Halesowen choirs will come together for a special charity performance.

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Keyleigh Bowater, aged 18, of Walsall, and Kalina Balajewska, 17, of West Bromwich, in the show at Wolverhampton Art Gallery



The giant crucifix, once used by Black Sabbath, goes on show in Birmingham

Heavy metal's crossover into the world of fashion

OUTLANDISH hairstyles, denim, chains and T-shirts rocked the catwalk at a heavy metal-themed fashion show in the Black Country.

The Home of Metal event was to promote an exhibition of the same name launching throughout the region.

It runs at Dudley Museum & Art Gallery from today (June 16) until September 25.

The exhibition will celebrate the Black Country's place as the home of heavy metal music and will feature vintage T-shirts,

archival imagery and films from bands such as Black Sabbath and Napalm Death.

A fashion show on June 8 at Wolverhampton Art Gallery, watched by more than 100 people, featured 30 models parading outfits made by fashion and textile design students from the city university's BA (Hons) fashion and textiles students.

Fashion and textiles lecturer Michael Rutley said: "The hard work, effort and energy put in by everyone was impressive."

Over at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, a giant crucifix used by city

rockers Black Sabbath is the centrepiece of its exhibition. The cross, which featured in Black Sabbath's stage set for the 1981-82 Mob Rules World Tour, is 8ft high and lit with 60 lights. It was found in a back garden and acquired by music store Professional Music Technology, at Lawley Midleway in the city.

For further information and to book tickets for the Home of Metal exhibition visit 0121 3031966.

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'Buy back' holidays unpopular

JUST six workers at Sandwell Council have taken advantage of a scheme to "buy back" extra leave - which the authority had hoped could save £5 million in wages.

The council's 5,941 workers were each offered the chance to purchase 10 extra days off under the plans, which were announced in January and came into force two months ago.

If all full-time staff took up the offer it would save the authority a whopping £5,251,865.

Council bosses said the scheme would also benefit employees by enabling them to have a "better work life balance". However, just half a dozen members have opted to take it up.

Councillor Mahoob Hussain, council cabinet member for improvement and efficiency, said: "There have been around half a dozen takers so far but it was only just introduced on April 1. It won't be easy to get a realistic picture for quite some time."

MP takes up battle in fire stations axe row

First chapter for crucial shop



All smiles at the opening of the first Mary Stevens Hospice book shop - from left, Ridgewood High and The Ridge Primary pupils with lottery field manager Diane Moore, book shop manager Hilary Bullock, radio presenter Jenny Wilkes and chairman Gerald Wood

FUNDRAISERS and volunteers started a new chapter for a Black Country charity as they helped celebrate the opening of its first book shop.

Stourbridge-based Mary Stevens Hospice has opened the first floor book store in its flagship premises in the town's high street.

Staff at the hospice say the store, in the former Mark and Moody stationery shop, is crucial to help plug gaps in its funding during the tough economic times.

Radio WM presenter Jenny Wilkes helped cut the ribbon at the book store

along with pupils from Ridgewood High School and The Ridge Primary School, both in Wollaston, Stourbridge.

The book store has been funded thanks to a £10,000 donation by long term supporter and Brierley Hill businessman Mike Brown.

It is based in the first floor of the store and new shelving, flooring and other building work and renovations were completed for the opening on May 27.

The next stage of the plan is to open a coffee shop in the open space at the front of the floor by Christmas.

Mary Stevens Hospice needs around £2 million a year to fund care for patients.

PLANS to merge two Midland fire stations may put public safety at risk, firefighters say.

The move would leave only one fire engine at a new station and see the loss of 28 frontline firefighter posts, they claim.

Halesowen MP James Morris has voiced concern about closing Cradley Heath and Halesowen fire stations and opening one station as a replacement.

Plans to merge were discussed two years ago but put on hold after public concern. The service says plans were revived and revised after funding uncertainty. There would be one crew at the station instead of two originally proposed.

Andy Dennis of the Fire Brigades Union said 96 frontline jobs went this year. He added: "These are deep cuts to the front line and show the Government's promise of no cuts to frontline public services was worthless."

Oppose

The number of firefighters available to crew fire engines for immediate callout has been reduced to dangerous levels."

He said at least two fully staffed fire engines were needed to safely deal with a house fire or collision.

The service says there will not be compulsory firefighter redundancies but others could not be ruled out.

Meanwhile, Tory MP Mr Morris said "I will also be writing to the fire authority seeking clarification on a number of issues. In particular, seeking guarantees that service levels will be maintained, as safety for everyone in Halesowen and Rowley Regis is of paramount importance."

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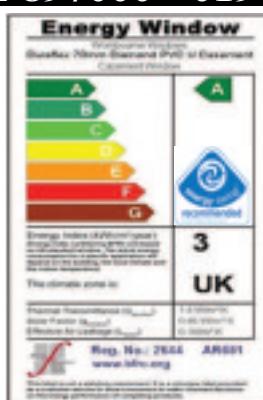
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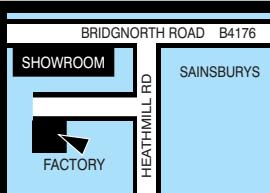
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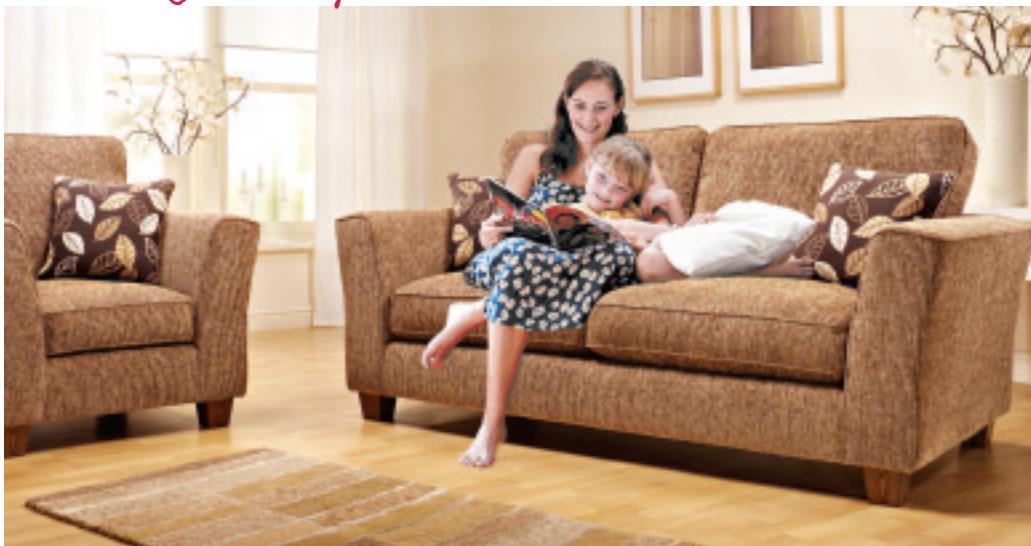
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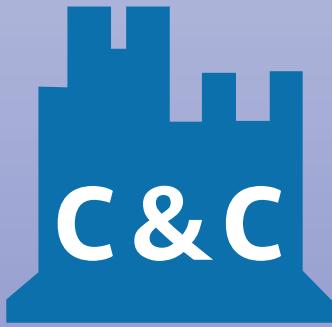
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Archer to hit the target

JEFFREY ARCHER'S courtroom drama Beyond Reasonable Doubt returns to Bridgnorth's Theatre on the Steps for a second three-day run.

It opened last week, from Thursday to Saturday, and recommences tonight until Saturday (June 18).

The first half leaves the audience guessing about the guilt of the defendant. The second is a love story which details the events leading up to the trial, with a twist at the end.

The cast includes several members from the cast of last November's sell-out production of 'Allo 'Allo.

Jan Hudson and Iain Reddihough take on the roles of Sir David and Lady Metcalfe – a quantum leap from the husband and wife team of Rene and Edith in 'Allo 'Allo. Prosecuting counsel is Richard Aston with John Britton for the defence. Tickets: The Box Office in the TIC at Bridgnorth Library, 01746 763257.

Quarry chiefs warned as dust hits homes

Tributes paid to veteran Cyril, 97

TRIBUTES have been paid to a much loved Midland Second World War veteran who has died.

Cyril Ashley, aged 97, gave talks to pupils at Alexandra High School in Tipton about his experiences during the war.

Mr Ashley, from Claverley, died on June 4 in a Bridgnorth care home.

In September 1944 Mr Ashley, who served with the 1st Airborne Division on Horsa gliders and as an officer in the 7th Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers, was involved in the failed Market Garden operation to seize a bridge in the Dutch town of Arnhem. He was captured after leading his platoon through a country lane when they were ambushed.

At one of his school talks he told pupils that platoons took turns to be in the front, the most dangerous position. "We had just got to the back when we were ambushed by the Germans and every single man in the front platoon was killed. It was so nearly us," he said.

After the war he married Elsie, "the loveliest Wren in the British Legion". They had two sons and five grandchildren. His funeral was being held today (June 16) in Claverley.

Hilary Brown, organiser of the school's veterans club, said: "He was a lovely man with a fabulous sense of humour, and was popular with the children."



Cyril Ashley with pupils Laura Summers, right, and Sam Bates at Alexandra High School

OWNERS of a quarry in Dudley have been warned to stop dust swamping nearby homes after a businessman said his £1.2 million house had been shrouded in a "blizzard" of grit.

Millionaire Tony Whittaker, owner of the Delph Road Industrial Estate in Brierley Hill and a property developer, lives next door to the quarry, run by FG Davis, in Envile Road, Wall Heath.

He called out officers from South Staffordshire District Council's environmental health department last Friday after dust clouds swept across homes.

"It was like a blizzard," said 60-year-old Mr Whittaker. He has pledged £2,000 to finance professional consultants preparing the case against proposals from FG Davis for a second sand and gravel quarry.

"Nobody would be able to put their washing out, cars are covered in the dust and I dread to think about children inhaling it," he added.

Measures

Steve Winterflood, chief executive of South Staffordshire District Council, said: "The quarry hadn't put down dust suppression, which is basically water to prevent it blowing away. We have seen the operator and told them to step up their act on this, which they agreed to do."

FG Davis owner Michael Davis said: "We are putting measures in place to make sure the dust is dealt with as soon as possible."

Dave Tyler, aged 64, of Victoria Street, Wall Heath, claims to have found Japanese knotweed growing at the Envile Road quarry.

Spencer Davies, director of FGD Ltd, a sister company of FG Davis, said: "We were not aware of Japanese knotweed growing here but will look at that."



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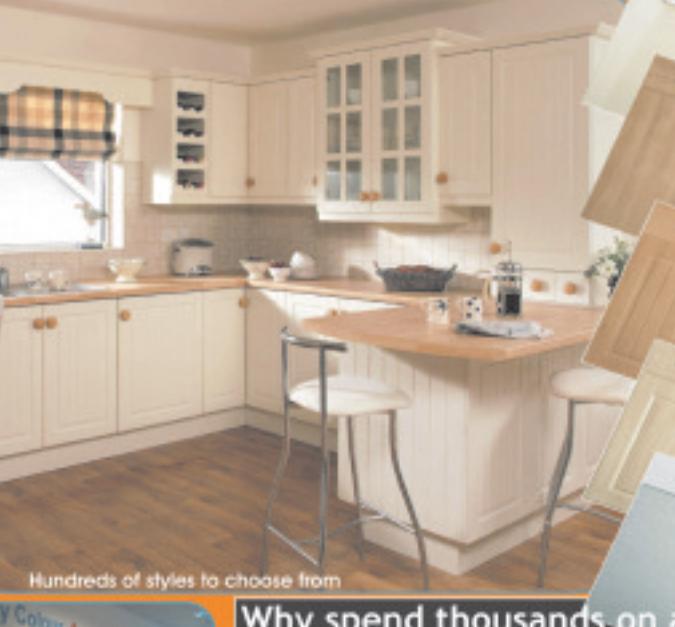
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FOOD REVIEW
Old Courthouse, Kingswinford

Great ale selection and super value is jury's verdict at this village's former seat of justice

SOME OF YOU HAVE PROBABLY BEEN WAITING FOR YEARS FOR THIS MOMENT. AND NOW IT HAS FINALLY HAPPENED. THE INSIDER FINDS HIMSELF IN COURT.

As the judge, I might add. And I suppose I should add the disclaimer that it is actually a former courtroom where I find myself weighing up the evidence.

Before it was converted to a pub in 1900, this was where the wrong 'uns from the area would have got their comeuppance.

And there were no namby-pamby sentences then. Thieves finding themselves before JPs in the 19th century could expect to end up working a prison treadmill for six hours a day. Juvenile offenders would spend their days pinned to a wall in a straitjacket.

Mind you, even in Victorian times, there were signs that the justice system was starting to go soft: public whippings were abandoned in the 1830s. Spoilsports.

The Old Courthouse is in the heart of the old Kingswinford village, long before the emergence of Market Street and Townsend Square as the hub of community activity. The high volume of traffic which travels through today's High Street does, to a certain extent, cut the Old Courthouse off from the rest of the old village.

However, the view of village green and the tower of the 12th century St Mary's Church still serve as a reminder of a time when life was lived at a gentler pace.

There is a good-sized level car park at the back, and a further overflow car park across the road – perhaps another throwback to the days when the horse and cart was king of the road. Wheelchair access is no problem either, providing you use the rear entrance.



The old part of the building, at the front, serves as a lounge bar, and mixes period features, such as wooden ceiling beams, with modern bucket seats and tall tables with stools. It is quite an attractive look, creating a relaxed, laid back ambience. Whoever selected the ales on offer at the bar is clearly a person of great taste, with both Pardoe's Bumble Hole and Enville Ale on tap.

These are two of the finest ales from our region, Bumble Hole being a malty, copper-coloured bitter, Enville a light, honey-flavoured brew. Bumble Hole or Bumble Bee, you might say.

It was a tough choice, but I decided Bumble Hole, at 5.2 per cent was a little strong for this occasion, and plumped for the Enville. Had Pardoe's Original been on offer that would have been a different matter, though; it's my favourite beer in the whole wide world.

The restaurant is in a huge modern conservatory at the back of the pub, and is in the style of an American diner. It is

a large, open plan room, with Venetian blinds hanging in the big expanses of plate glass. There is a raised area in the middle of the room, surrounded by wooden balustrades. It all looks quite smart, it's just a shame it bears no resemblance to a courtroom, which is surely the pub's unique selling point.

We were offered a choice of tables by the friendly young blonde who greeted us at restaurant reception. While the bar seemed to be quite busy, attracting quite a young clientele, the restaurant was less than half full, which is a little disappointing on a Friday night.

There is a broad spectrum of different types in the pub, from the elderly couple sat in the corner, the family group spanning three generations in the middle, and the party of around a dozen ladies sat along the back window.

The large card menu focuses mainly on simple pub food, sometimes with a bit of a twist, such as Black and Blue, an 8oz rump topped with black pudding and Stilton. It is mainly meat and fish, although there are a couple of vegetarian mains. Prices are reasonable, ranging from £5.50 to £12.10.

While there was plenty to tempt me, the carvery caught my eye the moment I walked through the door. A 'VIP carvery', no less. I just love the idea of the Queen queuing up at the counter, "One would like two slices of turkey and two Yorkshire puddings, if you so please."

While I think the VIP claim might be stretching credibility a bit, I would say it is definitely a cut above your average carvery. I was quite taken aback by the generosity of the helpings; the slices were carved deep and round, and there was a big choice of vegetables.

It was generally good, too. The meat was nicely cooked, with a crispy edge, and I would say the beef was particularly good.

The gravy appeared to have been made from genuine stock, rather than the out-of-the-packet variety, which was a good sign, although the small, bullet-shaped carrots appeared to have seen some kind of mechanised process.

My dining companion went for fish and chips, which came in good time (I was given a ticket so I could pick up my carvery when I wanted), and the fish was of a size that resembled a small whale; it was all good stuff, although neither of us managed to finish. I can only assume that the er, larger-than-life, gentleman on a neighbouring table is something of a regular.

Under normal circumstances, I would probably have gone for the chocolate fudge slice or the sticky toffee pudding for dessert, but after my huge main course, I wanted something a little lighter. The lemon meringue proved to be a pleasant way to round off the evening, and was good value at £3.50.

As I'm in court, I suppose it's about time I outlined the charges: the total bill came to £23.79. And the verdict? Well I think it represents very good value for money.

You have to be realistic and realise that at these prices you are not going to get a Michelin-starred dining, but the food was all enjoyable, and you get plenty of it.

Admittedly it would have cost more had we not gone for some of the cheapest items on the menu, but I think that is what this type of place does best. There aren't that many places where you can enjoy two hearty meals and some of our region's finest ales for less than £25.

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I dunno. Sometimes I'm a law unto myself.

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Legend award for Ozzy

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His award was collected in London by his son Jack.

Shock-rocker Alice Cooper won the Icon award, Biffy Clyro were named Classic Songwriters and Jared Leto's band 30 Seconds To Mars won Best International Band and Best Single awards for their track Hurricane.

Def Leppard won the Inspiration award as Korn entered the Hall Of Fame.

My Chemical Romance, nominated for five awards, had Best Video for the single Na Na Na.

The Best Album award went to Bring Me The Horizon for their release There Is A Hell... while You Me At Six were named Best British Band.

Gala to boost charity coffers

PEOPLE are invited to a summer gala to raise cash for Age Concern Stourbridge and Halesowen branch.

The event, at the Mary Stevens Resource centre, Hagley Road, Oldswinford, on June 25, is to help raise awareness of the services there. Stourbridge MP Margot James will open the event at 11am.



Injustice, back from left, Karl Brown, Kyle Abslom, and Chris Shalders, and front, Luke Whitehouse

On song for achievements

SCHOOL pupils in Sedgley were treated to an Oscars-style awards ceremony including a performance by a former student.

Old-boy Luke Whitehouse, aged 22, part of boyband Injustice, stopped by the Dormston School for the annual presentation evening on June 9. Thirteen pupils, aged 11-14 were given awards for "outstanding achievement". They were: Marc Bradley for music; Alexandra Jones, English; Emma Cooper, maths; Jake Wright, science and ICT; Joseph Parkes, history; Laura Ratcliffe, geography; Jaypal Jhamat, RE; Daisy Whitehead, technology; Connor Brooks, art; Andrew Greaves, drama; Jordan Wright, dance; Anil Singh, languages and Natalie Pullinger, PE.



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Council needs a rethink on Benefits Advice Shop

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All told, the centre cost £300,000 to run, but brought in £2 million into the area in extra income, of which £1.5 million is spent boosting local shops.

The service has already been slashed, staff numbers reduced and opening hours cut back. Now they are working out what to do with the remaining funding.

I've raised this issue before - even speaking out in Parliament.

Now I'm writing to council bosses pleading with them to think again. I'm explaining that this might be a cut, but it's certainly not a saving if the borough loses millions as a result.

Do me a favour: Pick up your phone, fire up your email, contact your local councillor and urge them to think again.

Have your say on the NHS reforms

I've invited the Shadow Secretary of State for Health, John Healey, to come to Dudley on Saturday to

listen to your views on the NHS.

He will be discussing the Government's controversial NHS policies, and Labour's response to them, at a public meeting in Upper Gornal.

The Government is squandering £2 billion on an unnecessary reorganisation of the NHS at the same time as forcing it to make 20 per cent savings.

I've had huge numbers of emails and letters from members of the public - patients, doctors, nurses and other NHS staff - all worried that the government's plans could mean cuts in funding, longer waiting times and the breaking up of services - threatening the NHS as we know it.

It's really important that we listen to local people's views and con-

cerns as we develop new ideas and the new policies we need to earn the public's trust and confidence, so I hope people will come along and have their say at: 9.45am on Saturday June 18 at Upper Gornal Methodist Church, Spills Meadow.

Anyone who would like to attend should contact me on 01384 342504 or email austin@parliament.uk

Let's persuade Dudley Council to fly the flag at last

I'm asking new Dudley Council Leader Les Jones to back the campaign to fly the Union Flag on Council buildings all year round.

Countries all over

round. I've been trying to persuade council bosses to "Fly Our Flag" from public buildings ever since I was elected in 2005 as a symbol of national confidence and pride.

At present the flag is flown by Dudley council only on 18 special days.

Dudley Council claims this is because government rules prevent them from flying it more often.

But the Labour Government changed the rules in 2008 so there is no longer a limit on the number of days the Union Flag can be flown on public buildings.

I'm asking Councillor Jones to start his term in office by overturning the council's refusal to fly our flag all year round.

the world fly their flags at town halls, schools, and government buildings because they understand it is a symbol of national unity.

I believe it can and should be a symbol of hope and a source of pride, representing the great British values of freedom, fairness, democracy, tolerance and equality.

Get a move on in the town centre

Before the downturn we had ten years of economic growth and record public spending, yet hardly a brick was laid in the town centre.

Work in the town still seems painfully slow.

Government investment agency Advantage West Midlands had funds lined up for Dudley and Castle Hill, but the Conservative government has abolished the agency and clawed back the cash.

And then last week we had the bad news that work has come to a standstill on the renovation of Carvers Café at Stone Street.

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And now school pupils in Dudley can savour the many delights that Venue Cuisine as to offer as part of a unique educational link up.

Creative

Chefs from Venue Cuisine, based on High Street, are passing on their expertise to the town's next generation of creative cooks.

Pupils are treated to a sample menu of the best that Venue Cuisine has to offer, showed how to use chopsticks and taught all about different spices.

The restaurant's gifted chefs are also paying visits to schools are the borough, running interactive food lessons, passing on the tricks of the trade and helping youngsters make their own meals.

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A big thumbs up as youngsters toddle off to help Barnardos

WEST END actresses Leanne Jones and Alison Young waved off more than 650 youngsters on a charity toddle around Dudley Zoo.

The pair stepped into the breach at the 11th hour when their co-star in comedy, The Naked Truth, former Nolan Sister Maureen, fell ill with a bad cold.

Maureen also had to miss last Tuesday night's performance in the play at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre.

So it was Leanne and Alison who wished the toddlers good luck as they started their Barnardos Big Toddle on June 8.

Leanne, aged 26, who shot to fame in the West End musical Hairspray four years ago, said she enjoyed watching the youngsters as they set off to start their quarter-mile challenge.

It was the second of four days of sponsored walks around the zoo, involving a total of around 3,500 todiers.

The events raise money for vulnerable children, including those with physical and learning disabilities.

Leanne, who plays Bev in The Naked Truth, and Alison, aged 28, who plays Faith, waved the toddlers off with a 'ready, steady, go'.

Headlights

She said: "When Maureen fell ill and we were asked to step in, as soon as we heard the words 'kids' and 'zoo' and 'sponsored walk', we thought 'fun'."

She confessed that, at the opening run at the Grand, the cast had felt like "rabbits in the headlights".

"We're near the end of our tour, which we started in August, so we're all quite tired," she said.

"But we wanted to make it good and

the audience were great." Families taking part in the Big Toddle entered into the spirit of the event with great gusto.

Natalie Stone, aged 42, of Watsons Close, Kates Hill, Dudley, who took her children Casey, aged five, and Jack, three, to the hike, said: "It's the third year we've done this and it's great fun.

"The children love being with all their friends from Kates Hill Primary School and seeing the animals."

Giraffe

Rachel Scarr, aged 32, of Compton Road, Stourbridge, was with her sons Adam, aged nine months, and Ben, two.

All were part of a party from Stourbridge and Halesowen National Childbirth Trust (NCT).

She said: "It's great to support a children's charity like this."

Among those putting their best feet forward the day before were youngsters, staff and parents from Peter's Hill Nursery in Amblecote, who designed a giraffe banner for the event.

Nursery deputy manager Chris Southall said: "We had 94 children and 90 parents taking part."

"It is a lot of fun for the children and it is for a very good cause."

"We have been taking part for a few years now."

Julie Hanson, 45, of Hurst Hill, and her four-year-old son Sam stopped to look at the flamingos.

But the youngster said he was most looking forward to seeing the tigers.

Donna Poynton, 40, husband Andrew, 35, and three-year-old daughter Katie-Lee, of Kingswinford, said it was the first time they had taken part in the event.



Actresses Alison Young, left, and Leanne Jones, with Todd the Barnardos' Big Toddle mascot, and children at the sponsored walk at Dudley Zoo

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Geoff is a winning draw

MP becomes patron

A RENOWNED Stourbridge charity worker joined forces with a town bank to raise £600 for good causes.

Staff from Barclays Bank in Stourbridge High Street, donated items to go into a large hamper which was raffled.

A total of £300 was raised and the bank is matching it with another £300.

All of the money will be

donated to the Geoff Hill Charitable Trust, set up by Amblecote businessman Geoff Hill to help charities and organisations in the community.

Mr Hill himself was on hand to draw the winning ticket at the end of the raffle on Saturday, June 4.

Mr Hill also donated a mini vacuum cleaner as a runner-up prize for the raffle.

A BLACK COUNTRY MP has been made a patron of the YMCA.

James Morris was appointed as a Parliamentary Patron in recognition of ongoing commitment to young people and to the work of the YMCA.

The Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP is one of 16 cross-party English Parliamentarians to receive the honorary

appointment. YMCA England chief executive Ian Green said: "James has proved to be a strong advocate for the interests of young people, serving as secretary of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Youth Affairs, and has been a consistent supporter of the work of the YMCA."

"We look forward to continuing to work with James."

Coachwork team lines up new work

A RESTORATION team at Kidderminster's Severn Valley Railway is already lining up new projects after returning an old British Railways coach to its former glory.

It was the first external contract completed by SVR Carriage Contracts, which was launched last year to take on work from outside the railway and bringing in extra cash for the attraction.

The former British Railways (Western Region) auto coach, dating from 1953, has now been taken back to the Dean Forest Railway, in Gloucestershire.

It was given a new coat of paint, in British Railways crimson livery of the 1960s, and christened 'Chaffinch' at the request of its owner.

But the restoration team are not resting on their laurels and already have a number of projects in the pipeline to keep them busy over the coming months.

The three-strong team will be working on one of the railway's own vehicles next – a diesel multiple unit carriage dating from the 1960s.

They will be stripping the roof and side of the carriage of its old paintwork and giving it a new coat.

Repairs will also be carried out on the gangway which connects the coaches together with new pins fitted. The project is expected to take around two months to complete.

Original

The restoration team researches each train and carriage it works on to ensure it has the exact original colour schemes.

The department, which has been repairing vehicles for more than 30 years, started taking on external work last year.

It had previously only worked on trains and carriages operated by the railway itself.

Spokesman Shaun Parsons said: "We were really pleased with how the work on the auto carriage turned out and are now looking towards new projects."

"We are a dedicated team and it is a pleasure working on these vehicles."

Work

They were also both ordered to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said: "Green said he had met his friend after work and entered the building to be nosy. They said the bolt cutters had been inside the building."

Mr Harmail Gill, defending both men, said: "They were in there having a mooch around. If they had found anything they would have taken it."

"The bolt-cutters were already at the site and they accept they picked them up. There was no break-in. The door was already dislodged."

Horses seized

BAILIFFS seized at least three horses from land in Tipton on the night of June 9. Owners had 14 days to claim them.

Inquest opens on fall boy

AN INQUEST has been opened on a 12-year-old boy who fell 20ft into a Midland canal.

Robert Fidoe, known to friends and family as Robbie, was riding his bike over a narrow bridge at Stourport canal basin when he lost his balance.

The youngster, of Lower Heath Caravan Park, Watery Lane, Hartlebury, was out riding with a friend when the tragedy happened just before noon on June 3.



Carriage fitters Chris Lawley and Tim Davis finish work on the 1953 auto coach which has been carefully restored at the Severn Valley Railway



The restored coach, renamed Chaffinch, seen in all its former glory

Thieves of metal strike at school

Summer fitness class dates set

METAL thieves stole central heating pipes from a Brierley Hill school, causing £10,000 damage.

The piping was taken from a building being refurbished at Hawbush Primary School, in Hawbush Road.

Construction firm ISG has been working around the clock to get the scheme back on schedule.

Project manager John Lines said: "If we had not

been arrested in Brockmoor on suspicion of burglary and was being questioned following the theft on May 30.

He was airlifted to Birmingham Children's Hospital but was pronounced dead at about 1.45pm.

The inquest has been opened and adjourned by Worcestershire Coroner Geraint Williams.

A NEW SERIES of fitness classes for the summer has been announced by bosses at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre. The sessions, which are held at the complex in Bell Street, go across a range from pilates to martial arts workouts.

Low impact aerobics classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30 to 10.30am and cost £4 per session.

On Tuesdays, legs bums and tums classes run from 9.30 to 10.30am and cost £4. Bodybalance, which combines moves from yoga, tai chi and pilates, runs from 7.30 to 8.30pm and costs £4.40.

Bodyjam dance sessions run on Wednesdays from 9.30 to 10.30am and Saturdays from 11.30am to 12.30pm; cost is £4.40.

Tone and stretch classes run on Thursdays from 10.30 to 11.15am and cost £3.50.

Bodycombat, based on martial arts, runs Fridays from 9.30 to 10.30am and Sundays from 11.30 to 12.30pm at a cost of £4.40.

Accounting skills tested

HALESOWEN College has hosted the regional heats of the WorldSkills UK competition in accounting – for the fourth time.

Twelve teams of accountants from colleges around the Midlands including two from Halesowen College worked to prove their financial expertise and team working skills in a three-hour long competition.

The contest is sponsored and organised by the AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians) and is part of the WorldSkills (UK) vocational skills competitions.



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Talks on future of health centre

Baggies' shirt is a winner



With the Baggies' shirt are Mark Quigley from Quinton, Leila O'Toole, aged eight months, from Quinton giving thumbs-up, Acorns' Halesowen volunteers Sally Stephenson, Wendy Barber and manager Paula Rigby

BAGGIES fans have a chance to win a brilliant signed West Bromwich Albion shirt in a charity prize draw at Acorns' Halesowen shop.

The 2010/11 season away shirt, signed by all of the players, was kindly donated by a volunteer, to raise funds to help local life-limited children.

The prize draw will be held at the Acorns' Halesowen shop on June 25 at 3pm. All of the money raised will go to support Acorns Children's Hospice.

For a chance to win the shirt it costs £1 per ticket to enter and

entrants will have to answer the following question: "Who do Acorns care for?"

Baggies fan Mark Quigley, aged 47, from Quinton, pictured here with granddaughter Leila O'Toole, aged eight months, said: "It's a brilliant shirt and I'd really like to win it."

Shop manager Paula Rigby said: "It's fantastic that a volunteer has donated this shirt and we hope lots of Baggies fans will enter the draw."

"We are sure it will raise much needed funds to help life-limited children."

A TIPTON health centre may be bulldozed to make way for housing.

Future uses for the Glebefields health centre site in St Marks Road are being discussed by Sandwell Council and the Primary Care Trust (PCT).

There are fears it may be a magnet for vandals once facilities are moved out and the new £6.5 million Glebefields Neighbourhood Health Centre opens on a new site in the same road, which will happen this month.

The health centre is in a 30-year-old building leased by the PCT from Sandwell Council. The authority is now keen to make a decision on future usage.

Community

Councillor Ian Jones, Sandwell Council's cabinet member for jobs and economy, said: "The new £6.5 million centre opens its doors in the next couple of weeks, so we will need to act quickly."

"There is a concern the building could become a magnet for vandals and once the PCT moves out we will look to secure the site and ensure that security is maintained long term."

"There are various options – to bulldoze and sell off the site for houses, or to bring it back into use as a community facility."

The existing Glebefields first opened its doors in October 1981. The new Glebefields Neighbourhood Health Centre will be a one-stop-shop for health services in the borough.

New bridge warning

A £52,000 warning system to alert drivers to a low bridge that has seen 20 crashes over the past five years has been installed. The 13ft high Midland Metro bridge in Great Bridge Road on the border of Tipton and Moxley has long been an accident blackspot.

Metal thieves' hammering led to arrest

Greg is building his chef skills



Greg Parton, who will be appearing at the BBC Good Food Show at the NEC

TWO BROTHERS were caught red-handed stripping lead from a Black Country post office in the dead of night, a court heard.

Adam and Luke Power had already pleaded guilty to theft of the metal when they appeared for sentence on June 8.

Warley Magistrates Court heard that the brothers, both of Old Hill, were spotted stripping the metal from Old Hill Post Office at 4.30am.

Prosecutor Mrs Jayne Yeomans said: "On May 11 a woman was woken by the sound of banging which seemed to be coming from the roof above the post office. She could see two or three men wearing dark clothes who seemed to be passing items to each other."

"She called the police and when officers arrived the defendants ran and there was a short chase."

"Both brothers were arrested. The lead was recovered near the scene as well as a hammer and wallpaper scraper."

"CCTV from the post office shows two men going repeatedly back and forwards outside the shop window."

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The lead removed was worth about £100 but the damage caused had been greater.

Adam Power, aged 25, of Applewood Grove, was given a 12-month supervision order and ordered to carry out a drug rehabilitation programme. He was also told to pay £250 compensation and £55 costs.

Luke Power, 21, of Elbow Street, Sedgley, was also due to be sentenced after admitting a further theft of lead from the roof of a house in Elbow Street, Cradley Heath.

He was due to be sentenced yesterday (June 15).

FATHER-OF-TWO Greg Parton is swapping construction tools for a master chef's knives and chopping board as he rustles up a lavish dish live in front of the crowds in a cook-off at the BBC Good Food Show.

Mr Parton, aged 50, a contracts manager for Mansell Construction in Stourbridge, loves cooking and often serves up meals for his wife, Mandy, and children, Ellie, aged 15, and Scott, 18.

The keen amateur, from Sedgley, has never had any formal training but went on a two-day chef's cooking school at Raymond Blanc's restaurant in Oxford – a 50th birthday present from his mother, Rita Parton, aged 70, last summer.

He applied through the Good Food Show's website to compete in MasterChef Live at the Good Food Show at the NEC. For more information and to book tickets for the event visit www.bbcbgoodfoodshowsummer.com or call 0844 581 1341.

Father punched ex-wife's partner

A FATHER-OF-THREE on a motorbike chased a car carrying his young son, ex-wife and her partner for two miles before attacking the man on the road, a court heard.

Stuart Rose, aged 47, of Summer Lane, Lower Gornal, went after them after they had picked up the child from his house.

He followed their car and pulled in front of it before punching Andrew Poyner.

Dudley magistrates heard he was "angry" that the youngster

Helmet

His son had been staying with him on the Saturday, under an arrangement between his ex-wife Helen and her partner Mr Poyner, the court was told.

Mrs Jayne Yeomans, prosecuting, said Rose then followed them

Carpets king retires after his 50 years

A LEADING figure in Kidderminster's carpet industry and one of the key people behind a famous advertising campaign has retired after nearly 50 years.

Mike Hardiman, aged 64, stood down this month as chief executive of the town's Carpet Foundation, which he set up in 1999.

The foundation, which gives out information to help people choose the right carpet, has grown to become an industry standard which is now backed by top manufacturers and also 900 independent retailers.

Previously, Mr Hardiman worked for Brintons Carpets for 35 years holding the post of personnel manager from 1971 to 1992. He later moved into advertising for the firm and helped to develop the iconic 1993 campaign where models wore carpet dresses designed by Vivienne Westwood and photographed by David Bailey.

Trainee

Mr Hardiman was also president of Kidderminster Chamber of Commerce during 1988 and 1989 after previously serving as vice-chairman.

He has lived in Bewdley for more than 30 years, and said he was "immensely proud" of his career but had decided the time was right to step down. He plans to spend more time with his family, wife Sonia, 63, children Caroline, 36, and Jonathan, 34, and 19-month-old granddaughter Isabelle.

Mr Hardiman, originally from Birmingham and a pupil at Kings Norton Grammar School, started his career in 1964 when he was taken on as a trainee manager by Brintons Carpets.

The firm sent him on a HND course at Kidderminster College and later to Aston University to learn management studies.

And in 1971 at the age of just 25, he was appointed personnel manager for the firm – which then employed around 2,650 people.



Looking back – Mike Hardiman with photographs from the industry

"It was very different in those days. Kidderminster was the centre of carpet manufacture and around 17,000 people were employed in the industry," he said.

Mr Hardiman remained in the post until 1992 when he was asked to take over a very different aspect of the company.

"The managers at the time decided the firm needed to take a more aggressive marketing

Shelters for bikes at station

TWO cycle shelters will be installed at Sandwell and Dudley station.

Transport group Centro's application to Sandwell Council for shelters at the Bromford Road station were approved by officers under delegated authority.

They are part of a wider scheme for shelters at stations throughout the West Midlands.

Centro will remove plants and shrubs to make room for the dark blue steel shelters.

They will go on a concrete plinth on green space next to the Park and Ride entrance at the station.

Mother is given court warning on council tax

A MOTHER-OF-FIVE has appeared in court after failing to pay nearly £3,000 of council tax, some of it dating back to 1999.

Elizabeth Finch, aged 38, was arrested on a warrant after failing to turn up at Dudley Magistrates Court for a previous hearing in February.

The court was told on June 9 that she owed £1,605 in council tax arrears from April 1999 to March 2002, and £1,375 from April 2005 to March 2007.

Mrs Jeanette Bonaccorsi, prosecuting on behalf of Dudley Council, said: "This matter has been before the courts for many years but the payments have not been maintained."

Finch, of Ash Road, Dudley, had told the council she had struggled to pay the tax after her husband left her in 2005. But the couple had got back together last year and were now trying to pay off their debts.

Finch admitted a charge of failing to pay council tax.

The case was dismissed without a sentence being imposed by magistrates, who said the money should be paid to Dudley Council at £20 a week.

Group to look at health

AN INDEPENDENT watchdog group is being set up in Dudley to help improve health and social care.

Residents, community groups, and voluntary organisations have been invited to share their views on plans for group.

It is expected to be up and running next year.

Dudley Council and Dudley Council for Voluntary Services will host an event at Dudley College's Broadway campus on July 7 from 9.30am to 1pm.

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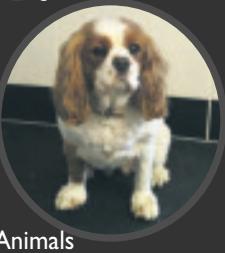
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Making sure your best friend enjoys the summer sunshine



Simple tips can help your pet enjoy the sunny days of summer
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WHEN hot days finally arrive, make sure you follow some safety tips so your pet can also join in the summer fun.

Even if it's only for 10 minutes, never leave your dog in your car.

A few moments in the heat will turn your car into an oven. This can lead to dehydration, brain damage or even death, and cracking the car window will not be enough to combat summer heat.

Some owners will shave down their dogs during the summer time, thinking this will help keep them cool.

Ticks

But ironically, shaving down a dog inhibits their ability to deal with the temperature change. So keep your dogs well groomed by removing all its dead undercoat hair.

Your dog's skin will also be at risk from the sun, so sunscreen is recommended. Make sure you use a sunscreen that is specifically made for your dog.

Dogs that are shaved, have short white fur, or are hairless are most at risk of sun damage. Other areas of sensitivity are their noses and tips of their ears.

On days that your dog spends a lot of time outside, you'll need to check the dog's paws for sun damage and his fur for ticks.

When checking for ticks, make sure you look under the tail, on their stomach, in their ears and between their toes. Some simple training

and safety devices can ease your mind and protect your dog this summer. For example, make sure to give your dogs treats and praise in order to positively reinforce being handled and having his fur and paws looked at. Practice this often so that your dog is being handled.

If you want to use doggy sunscreen on your pup, put it on while your dog is playing ball with you or doing another enjoyable activity so that your dog positively associates sunscreen application with good times.

Last but certainly not least, always have plenty of water available for your dog! This will ensure that they keep cool and hydrated, which in turn will keep them healthy and happy this summer.

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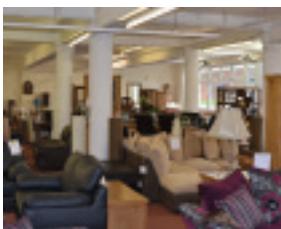
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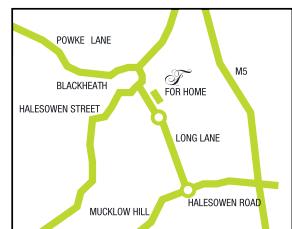
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Driver lands big bill

A TAXI driver who picked up passengers outside a pub when not licensed to do so has been told to pay £545.

Mohammed Shafiq, aged 57, was seen waiting outside the Bell Hotel, Bell Street, Stourbridge, by officers on an undercover Dudley Council operation.

Shafiq, of Hungry Hill, Stourbridge, took them to the Ruby Cantone restaurant, Amblecote, Dudley magistrates heard.

An inspection revealed he was only licensed to collect passengers who booked in advance.

Shafiq said: "I had just dropped someone off and these two people approached me and asked me to take them."

He admitted plying for hire when not licensed and using a motor vehicle without third party insurance and was fined £135 for the plying offence, £200 for the insurance charge, and told to pay costs of £195.

History on canal walk

A CANALSIDE walk uncovering Dudley's history is taking place.

Historian Graham Fisher MBE is holding a two-hour guided walk on June 25 at the Bonded Warehouse, Stourbridge, at 11am.

Walkers will be guided along the Stourbridge canal past the Ruskin Glass Centre and to the Red House Glass Cone.

The tour is also being held on July 24 and August 29. To book call 01384 812745.

B&B at the brewery in bid to help out visitors

VISITORS may soon be able to stay in the same building as a Lye micro-brewery if upper floors become a guest house.

The first floor flat above the Windsor Castle Inn, Stourbridge Road, Lye, which also houses the Sadler's Ale brewery, would become three bed-and-breakfast style rooms for guests.

Two existing bedrooms would get en-suite bathrooms, with a separate shower room with access into the hallway in plans costing up to £40,000.

Solar panels for hundreds of houses

SOLAR PANELS and wall insulation will be installed on hundreds of council homes in Dudley under new £5.5million plans to help tenants save money on their heating bills.

The scheme will be rolled out across the Priory area and could result in savings of up to £600 per year for some, Dudley Council says.

In a £3m scheme funded by E.ON, more than 300 homes will receive external solid wall insulation.

Around 100 homes will get cavity insulation and about 200 will receive new energy efficient boilers.

Insulation

Homes may also qualify for top-up loft insulation and draught proofing works.

Dudley Council will also carry out £2.5m improvements, including double glazing and solar PV panels on more than 200 homes, generating electricity worth up to £100 per year.

Further consultation is planned over the next two months.

If approved, work is due to start later this year.

It follows a similar £1.4m E.ON scheme in Pensnett earlier this year.

Cabinet member for housing, libraries and adult learning, Councillor Adrian Turner, said: "The council is excited to once again be working with E.ON."

Plans by John Sadler has put in place a bid to boost trade - creating at least two new jobs.

"All being well, if plans are approved, we would like to begin work in September or October and be done by Christmas," he said.

"We are very much looking forward to getting it up and running and I think it will complement the services we already have on-site, including two excellent chefs."

Mr Sadler said the move was in response to demand from customers who visit to brew ale.

"We get a lot of visitors from across the country and are always receiving requests from them for accommodation, so we know the custom and demand is there," he said.

Production

"We have rooms available for them so we decided to go ahead with it."

Sadler's was founded in Oldbury in 1900 by Mr Sadler's grandfather, Thomas Sadler.

It ceased production in 1927 but relaunched seven years ago.

The business recently received a thumbs-up from supermarket giant Sainsbury's, shaking hands on a deal for 20,000 bottles of its Worcester Sorcerer Ale to hit the shelves in September.

The deal, part of a national competition, will see the ale go on sale for six weeks alongside 15 others from across the country.

If it is chosen as one of the winners, it will receive an order from Sainsbury's for six months.

Pupils keep it local with history lessons

PUPILS from Wordsley have explored the history of Black Country life and industry during a packed week of activities.

Children from Ashwood Park Primary School, Wordsley, saw glassmaking, experienced life on a canal narrowboat and watched performances from drama groups.

Headteacher Steve Hudson said the school wanted pupils to learn about the culture and history of their own region.

He said: "Often schools will teach pupils about different cultures, but sometimes pupils don't know a lot about the history of the place they live in."

"This has been a chance for them to discover more about the Black Country when it was the powerhouse of the world."

Year six pupils visited Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone to speak to glassmakers.

They made their own glass tiles.

Earlier this week children were given the chance to visit a narrowboat and they even held their own marble tournament.



Patrick Dean, aged 10, front, with fellow pupils, from left, Laura Hughes, 10, Rhys Williams and Saskia DeHavilland, both aged 11, and tiles they made

Outdoor setting for Bard classic

A PERFORMANCE of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* will be held in the outdoor amphitheatre at a Wyre Forest beauty spot.

The Festival Players Theatre Company will stage the performance at the Bishops Wood Centre at Crossway Green, near Stourport on June 25.

The play will be performed as it would traditionally have been done in Shakespeare's day - with an all-male cast playing several roles each.

The production also features an original score by composer and folk performer, Johnny Coppin.

Coppin, who founded folk-rock band Decameron, numbers former England wicket-keeper Jack Russell among his fans.

Beautiful

Head of Bishops Wood Centre, John Rhymer said: "This is a new departure for Bishops Wood. We have a beautiful site which provides the ideal setting for this outdoor production."

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Birmingham's Ruby Turner who will be appearing with Jools Holland's Big Band



Ruby's aiming to Turner focus on her reggae roots

BIRMINGHAM singer Ruby Turner is returning to her reggae roots for her new single Leaves In The Wind and is relishing a series of outdoor gigs as featured vocalist with Jools Holland's band.

Jamaica-born Ruby, who will be appearing with Jools and co at Ragley Hall near Alcester on July 2, says she was inspired to record reggae songs after narrating BBC4 TV's documentary Reggae Britannia.

"To me reggae was the music of love and some say it's lost its flavour but I love a challenge," says Ruby, who left Montego Bay for Handsworth at the age of nine in the late 1960s.

"This infectious style of music helped to bind communities and cultures. Regardless of race and colour, the many who embraced it made it their own. This was simply brilliant and a wonderful time, making me proud to be British. I listened to Gregory Isaacs, John

Holt, Dennis Brown, and the female singers like Marcia Griffiths, Janet Kay and Carroll Thompson. Bob Marley was the main man, who brought the music to a worldwide audience, but when he died reggae lost its champion."

She has happy memories of growing up in Handsworth, where her mother still lives. "It was great. Yes, it had its problems but the community spirit was so wonderful."

Actress

Gospel was also a musical influence for Ruby but remarkably, given her soulful voice, her original intention was to be on the stage as an actress rather than a singer.

"Apparently, when I was five, there I was in the corner of the stage at Montego Bay Town Hall, giving it large. I was pushed on stage and jigged even more. I clearly wasn't shy." She thanks her headmistress at Handsworth Wood Girls School for Girls for setting her on the road to showbiz career.

"Mrs Hinchcliffe told me I should go to theatre school," Ruby remembers.

The young Ruby joined the Crescent Theatre, Birmingham and then the Old Vic, Bristol.

Her role in a rock opera brought demand as a session singer and led to her joining Boy George's Culture Club. A few years ago came the call to guest sing with the Jools Holland Rhythm and Blues Orchestra and Ruby, who now lives in Solihull, became a regular with Jools both on record and in concert, and a regular on his popular New Year's Eve Hootenanny Show.

She describes Jools as "a generous musician". She gets her own five-song set in his show and she is enjoying the open-air gigs where audiences tend to get up and dance. "You know what we say, enjoy yourself it's later than you think," she adds.

Ruby will be with him again for his annual Christmas show at Birmingham NIA on December 17.

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Weapon of Peace are back together

Weapon is reloaded

WOLVERHAMPTON 1970s and 80s reggae band Weapon Of Peace have got back together with a reunion show being held at the Robin 2 in Bilton on Saturday, June 24.

The band were on the brink of the big time during the punk-reggae boom, sharing the stage with such acts as Dexys' Midnight Runners, Haircut 100, Duran Duran and Stiff Little Fingers, and were label mates with fellow West Midlands reggae band UB40 on Graduate Records. Their best years were 1980 and 81 with the release of the singles Children Of Today, If and Jah Love. They also played in front of a crowd of more than 50,000 at the Jobs For Youth rally in London.

Cracks

The pressure of relentless touring had taken its toll and cracks began to emerge within the band, which fell apart during the summer of 1983, leaving behind a small but rich musical legacy.

Weapon Of Peace have now reformed, featuring the main lyricists Mick De Souza and Clyde McKenzie, fellow original members Clive Brown and Colin Palmer, plus four new members. These include saxophonist Alan Davies, who has worked with artists as diverse as soul man Edwin Starr and violinist Nigel Kennedy, and guitarist Bonna Brock from Wolverhampton band Sub Zero.

Explaining their decision to reform, Clyde McKenzie said: "Back then we were young and I don't think any of us fully comprehended what we had achieved. We just loved playing our music. It has since become apparent to us that there was so much more that we had to offer. So it's like unfinished business".

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Playing the dancing hero Ren, a role that launched the career of Hollywood actor Kevin Bacon, will be Adam C Booth.

The cast also includes Steven Pinder as the Reverend Shaw Moore, Steven is best known for playing Max Farnham in the long running soap Brookside, for which he won a Manchester Evening News Award for Best Actor.

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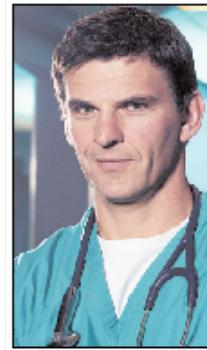
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BBC1

9.00 Breakfast 9.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 9.25 Food Alert: Home Cooking (F) 9.30 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 9.45 Bargain Hunt. 9.50 A Question of Sport (F) 10.00 British Olympic Dreams: Featuring swimmer Ian Thorpe. 10.15 Live Athletics: The European Team Championships (F) 10.20 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 10.25 Total Wipeout (F)

0.00 FILM: Knives in Paradise. (2008) Premieres. Animated comedy with the voices of Jack Black and Dublin Hoffman.

0.00 The National Lottery: Who Does What. Game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, and bottling to outdo the other by lieding as much as they know about a given subject. Last in the series.

0.00 Chemistry. Part one of two. Adam worries he has become too detached from his patients.

0.00 Lee Evans' All Star Chat. New series. Entertainment show with guest James Blunt.

0.00 BBC News: National Lottery Update.

0.00 BBC News: Health & Care: Comedy Roundabout. With Sarah Millican, Simon Evans, Jimaine and Imran Yusuf. (F)

0.00 FILM: Mystery of the Century. (1988) Thriller, starring Will Smith and Gene Hackman. Weatherwise.

0.00 BBC News

BBC2

9.00 CBeebies. 9.00 CBBC. 9.00 Film: The Journey of Natty Gau. (1985) Disney adventure, starring John Cusack. 9.15 Coronation Street. 9.20 This Morning Saturday. 9.25 Animal Do the Funniest Thing. (F) 9.30 ITV News: Weather. 9.35 Film: Escape to the Country. (F) 10.00 Royal Accomplice. (1985) Film: PT 100. (1963) French drama, starring Cliff Robertson.

0.00 Film: From Plymouth. (F)

0.00 Devil's Away. Wilson joins the aristocracy. (F)

0.00 You've Been Horribly Wrong. Private film footage and memoirs of nannies who looked after the Kennedy children offer an insight into life as a member of one of the 20th century's most powerful families.

0.00 Here I Am a Bit More Like You. Jack Dee guest hosts an extended version of the current affairs quiz, with panellists Caroline Wyatt and Jon Richardson joining Ian Hislop and Paul Merton. (F)

0.00 The Housewives: A Online Show Special. Jonathan Freedland joins Tony Badger, John Sergeant, Anne McElroy and Sarah Bradford for a discussion on John F. Kennedy and his family.

0.00 The Housewives. Drama, starring Greg Kinnear and McCabe Holmes. (F)

0.00 FILM: Mystery of the Century. (1988) Thriller, starring Julia Roberts.

0.00 Flint: Evening. (2007) Premieres. Romantic drama, starring Vanessa Redgrave and Claire Danes. 0.00 Closer.

ITV1

9.00 CITV. 9.00 CITV. 9.00 House. Gift. (F) 9.25 Coronation Street. 9.30 This Morning Saturday. 9.35 Animal Do the Funniest Thing. (F) 9.30 ITV News: Weather. 9.35 Film: On the Bus. (1971) Comedy, starring Reg Varney. 9.45 Film: A View to a Kill. (1985) James Bond adventure, starring Roger Moore. 9.50 Regional Programmes.

0.00 ITV News: Weather. 0.00 You've Been Horribly Wrong. (F) 0.00 Harry Hill presents an alphabetical round-up of viewers' comments, complaints and amusing mobile phone footage. (F)

0.00 Old Joe in New Clothes. Comedy game show hosted by Bradley Walsh.

0.00 Paul & Teller: Paul Is. New series. The magicians challenge guest illusionists to outwit them with mind-boggling tricks, and offer successful performers a gig in Las Vegas.

0.00 The Entourage. Red. New series. Couple take humorous domestic disputes to celebrity panellists, who discuss the merits of each side before deciding which partner is in the right.

0.00 ITV News: Weather.

0.00 FILM: Heating Oil. (1988) Romantic comedy, starring Julia Roberts.

0.00 The Choir That Rocked. (F)

0.00 The Zone: ITV News Headlines. 0.00 In Plain Sight. 0.00 ITV News: Weather. 0.00 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

9.00 The Tease People. (F) 9.00 The Hoobs. (F) 9.15 The Film Show. (F) 9.30 9.30 Film: Superb World Championship. (F) 9.30 MSA British Follyroco Championship. 9.30 The Morning Line. 9.30 T4: Friends. (F) 9.30 T4: Hollywood Movie Show. 9.30 T4: Glee. 9.30 T4: Bad Teacher. 9.30 T4: Movie Special. 9.30 T4: Friends. (F) 9.30 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (F) 9.30 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (F) 9.30 T4: Come Dine with Me. (F) 9.30 Come Dine with Me. (F) 9.30 Come Dine with Me. (F)

0.00 Come Dine with Me. Thelma Young hosts the final night in west London. (F)

0.00 Channel 4 News.

0.00 Shergill. Exploring the issue of placing elderly parents in care homes.

0.00 FREE Showgirls. (2004) Comedy, starring Lindsay Lohan and Rachel McAdams.

0.00 Crossroads. As she prepares for her wedding to Leontine, Guinevere's home is invaded by raiders and she seeks the king's protection. Drama, starring Tamzin Egerton.

0.00 FREE Bridesmaids. (1995) Oscar-winning historical epic, directed by and starring Mel Gibson.

0.00 Film: Night Watch. (2004) Fantasy thriller, starring Konstantin Khabensky and Galina Tsygina. 0.00 Bob & Burgers. 0.00 Hill Street Blues. (F) 0.00 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (F) 0.00 Countdown. (F)

Channel 5

9.00 Mikhail. 9.00 The Gadget Show: Shorts. (F) 9.15 How Do They Do? (F) 9.30 Extreme Fishing with Falcon Green - At the Edge of the Earth. (F) 9.30 Film: Objective, Burden (1945). Second World War adventure, starring Errol Flynn. 9.30 Film: None But the Brave. (1950). Second World War adventure, starring Frank Sinatra. 9.30 Film: The Missing. (2008) Western, starring Kate Blanchett.

0.00 News Weekend.

0.00 Colours. England's Sri Lanka. Mark Nicholas presents a documentary day three of the Third Test at the Rose Bowl in Hampshire, as the final match of the series continues.

0.00 McGee. McGee kilts an undercover police officer while on duty, and Jenny decides to approve an investigation into the death, placing a strain on her relationship with Gibbs. (F)

0.00 CGE: ITV. A vengeful killer wages a cyber war on his healthcare workers. (F)

0.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Benson and Stabler investigate the rape of a girl.

0.00 CGE: Crime Scene. Love Myself. Part one of two. Stole is kidnapped. (F)

0.00 Inside Hollywood.

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ITV2 0.55 Film: Castle's Peak (1977) Disaster movie, starring Pierce Brosnan. 0.55 Film: Deep Blue Sea (1999) Thriller, starring Salma Hayek and Samuel L Jackson. 0.55 Film: Objective, Burden (1945). Second World War adventure, starring Errol Flynn. 0.55 Film: None But the Brave. (1950). Second World War adventure, starring Frank Sinatra. 0.55 Film: The Missing. (2008) Western, starring Kate Blanchett.

ITV3 2.30 A Touch of Frost. 0.55 Agatha Christie: Poirot. 0.55 Rosemary & Thyme. 0.55 Doc Martin. 0.55 Agatha Christie: Marple. 0.55 Agatha Christie: Poirot.

ITV5 2.30 Film: The Boys in Blue. (1982) 0.55 Film: Follow You, Follow Me. (1985) 0.55 The Surrey. 0.55 Killer. Arthur gets arrested after buying today a new car. 0.55 Film: City Hymn (1971) Thriller, starring Cliff Richard and Ann Richardson. 11.30 Film: Highway Force. (1973) Action thriller co-starring Cliff Richard and Hal Holbrook.

BBC THREE 0.55 Great TV Mistakes. 0.55 Top Gear. 0.55 Film: V for Vendetta. (2005) Ribald action flick with Natalie Portman. 0.55 Family Guy. 11.30 American Drill.

BBC FOUR 0.55 The Art of Tintin. Cooper 20. BBC Centiflyer of the World. 0.55 Warlander 0.55 Babylon A Blooming History. 11.30 Top of the Pops. 1976.

ITV 1.35 Hollywood. 0.55 Myleene Klass in Cleopatra. 5.00 SuperCinco. 0.55 Rough Guide to Bang for Your Buck. (F) 0.55 Great Scientists. (F) 9.30 HouseBusters. (F) 0.55 Hanab. Helpline. (F) 0.55 The Milkshake Show. (F) 9.30 Thomas & Friends. (F) 9.30 Poetry: the Poetry Car. (F) 10.45 Jason X. (2008)

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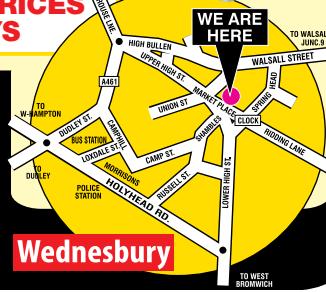
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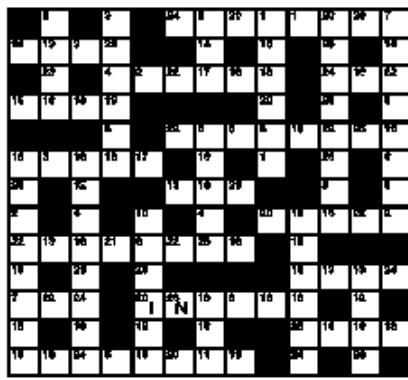


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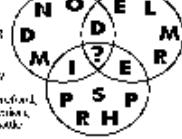
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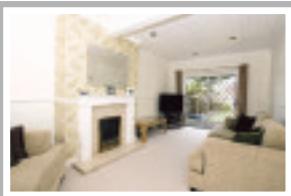
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<p>STRATHERN DRIVE COSELEY</p>  <p>NEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern mid town house Three bedrooms plus bathroom Lounge and dining kitchen <p>£143,995</p>	<p>REduced</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utility room plus garage Outstanding views <p>£109,000</p>	<p>BOUNDARY HILL LOWER GORNAL</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prominent positioned semi detached Living room with semi detached dining area Three bedrooms plus bathroom Great family home <p>Reduced to £117,500</p>	<p>BRUNEL DRIVE COSELEY TIPTON BORDER</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stylish 3 bed end terrace house in quiet location Hall with cloakroom Living Room and Dining Room Excellent kitchen with units Double glazing and off road parking <p>Reduced to £117,500</p>
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<p>TIPTON ROAD WOODSETTON</p>  <p>NEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two bedroom end terraced Lounge and dining kitchen Two bedrooms plus bathroom <p>£109,995</p>	<p>REduced</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private garden to rear Central heating and double glazing <p>Reduced to £70,000</p>	<p>SANDSTONE CLOSE LOWER GORNAL</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well presented first floor flat Double bedroom Refitted kitchen Garage to rear <p>Now reduced to £127,950</p>	<p>ELLENVALE CLOSE COSELEY</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smart modern semi Three bedrooms plus bathroom Lounge and Conservatory Off road parking and garden <p>Reduced to £117,995</p>
<p>HIMLEY ROAD DUDLEY</p>  <p>REduced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luxury detached in prominent location Four bedrooms and three bathrooms <p>Reduced to £237,500</p>	<p>REduced</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two reception rooms and luxury kitchen Garage and delightful gardens <p>£109,995</p>	<p>POOL STREET SEDGELEY</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the best end terraced homes on the Market Stylish lounge and fitted dining kitchen Two bedrooms plus luxury bathroom Sun room leading to private gardens <p>Reduced to £109,995</p>	<p>DUDLEY ROAD SEDGELEY</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Period detached with outstanding features Three reception rooms plus kitchen Three bedrooms plus study Delightful gardens and location Simply must be viewed <p>£234,995</p>

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Sales



1 bed - Weavers Rise

Well presented mid terraced home being ideal for a first time purchaser or buy to let investor, having double glazing, electric heating and off road parking. Early viewing is a must.

NETHERTON OFFICE

Netherton £89,950



3 bed - Saltwells Road

Mid terraced home available with no upward chain and in need of modernisation. The property ideally suit an investor or first time buyer. Viewing recommended.

NETHERTON OFFICE

Netherton £87,500



3 bed - Compton Drive

A beautifully presented detached family home situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location in the popular Oakham district. Having driveway for several vehicles and a double garage, internal viewing is essential.

NETHERTON OFFICE

Oakham £199,950



1 bed - Melvyn House

Studio Apartment. One Bedroom. First Floor. Well Presented. Parking to Rear. Early Viewing Recommended. Available beginning of July. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS.

Dudley £275 pcm



3 bed - Holly Hall Road

This three bedroom semi-detached family home is available to let immediately. Benefiting from double glazed and gas centrally heated accommodation on the ground floor. The property has three bedrooms, re-fitted shower room and externally there are front and rear gardens and a driveway. The landlord informs us that the gas central heating and carpets within the property are new. No DSS | No Smokers | Pets Considered.

Dudley £575 pcm



2 bed - St Lukes Terrace

MOST UNUSUAL and unique modern coachhouse. Being both double glazed and centrally heated this two bedroom residence includes hallway, cloakroom and second bedroom to the ground floor with spacious lounge, kitchen, main bedroom and bathroom being on the first floor. With two allocated parking spaces the property also enjoys a private rear garden.

Dudley £475 pcm



3 bed - Norton Crescent

Reasonably priced semi-detached home having good sized accommodation benefiting from double glazing, central heating, conservatory and detached garage. Viewing a must.

NETHERTON OFFICE

Netherton £94,950 Offers Invited



3 bed - Baptist End Road

Conveniently situated semi detached family home in good decorative order having lounge, kitchen, downstairs w.c. family bathroom, gardens and garage. Early viewing recommended.

NETHERTON OFFICE

Netherton £109,950



3 bed - Wheatsheaf Road

Improved double glazed and centrally heated three bedroom semi-detached property with double garage to the rear. Being an ideal first time purchase the residence includes porch, hall, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen with hob and oven, covered side area with utility and separate w.c., three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens to front and rear together with rear parking and garage. EARLY VIEWING RECOMMENDED

Tividale £99,950



3 bed - Walker Street

Three bedroom semi-detached residence is both double glazed and centrally heated. With driveway parking for 2 cars to the front the residence also includes hall, fitted kitchen with built in hob and oven, downstairs cloakroom, lounge with rear conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom plus additional shower room and enclosed rear garden.

Dudley £550 pcm



2 bed - Park Road

Deceptively Spacious - Much Improved Terraced Home - Gas Central Heating & UPVC Double Glazing (where specified) and Rear Courtyard - Viewing a Must - No DSS | No Pets | No Smoking

Dudley £400 pcm



2 bed - Purlin Wharf

A two bedroom second floor apartment on the popular Canal Walk development. Canal Walk is located on the banks of Dudley Canal taking full advantage of its canal side location. The accommodation comprises: Communal entrance, Entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, second bedroom, bathroom. The property also has the benefit of double glazing and allocated parking. Available early July/No DSS | No Pets | No Smokers

£515 pcm



3 Bed - Bowling Green Rd

Semi-Detached in need of improvement, but benefiting from modern double glazing, 2 reception rooms, off road parking and garage to rear. Having NO UPWARD CHAIN. Viewing is highly recommended.

NETHERTON OFFICE

Netherton £109,950



2 bed - Spring Road

Available with no UPWARD CHAIN this property benefits from newly installed central heating, downstairs w.c. and first floor bathroom together with space for potential side extension (subject to planning permission/building regulation approvals). NETHERTON OFFICE

Netherton £75,950



3 bed - Penncricket Lane

Recently refurbished three bedroom semi-detached offering spacious accommodation. Being both double glazed and centrally heated the property includes entrance hall, lounge with separate dining room, attractive fitted kitchen with built in hob and oven, wall appointed refitted bathroom, gardens to front and rear with Detached Single Garage at rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN

Rowley Regis £129,950



3 bed - Banners Street

Recently redecorated three bedroom home. Two reception rooms. Low maintenance rear garden. Gas central heating. Part double glazing. No DSS, no pets, no smoking.

Halesowen £550 pcm



3 bed - Causeway

Three Bedroom Home - Recently Refurbished - Two Reception Rooms with Feature Fireplaces - Available End of May - No DSS | No Pets | No Smoking

Rowley Regis £495 pcm



1 bed - Stourbridge Road

A refurbished and well presented first floor flat having large living room, open plan lounge/kitchen, shower room, double bedroom, electric heating and double glazing, allocated parking space. Ready to move into - Long term let available. No DSS/Smokers/Pets or Children.

Stourbridge from £325 pcm



Round Street

Realistically priced terraced home benefiting from restyled kitchen and bathroom, gas central heating and double glazing where specified, together with rear garden. No upward chain. NETHERTON OFFICE

Netherton £84,950



3 bed - The Portway

A well presented three bedroom semi-detached home comprising: Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms with fitted wardrobes, Bathroom, Driveaway, front and rear gardens, large summer house. NETHERTON OFFICE

Kingswinford £139,950



3 Bed - The Portway

Offering immense potential for extension this detached house sits within a generous corner plot with gardens on all sides and comprises: Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, W.C., third bedroom/bed 4, Landing, Bath, Shower Room and Bath, Shower Room. Sweeping Driveway for several vehicles. Viewing recommended.

Kingswinford £195,000



2 bed - Planet Road

Recently refurbished two bedroom mid-terrace. Double glazing. Gas central heating. Two reception rooms. Viewing is highly recommended. No DSS, no pets no smoking.

Brierley Hill £495 pcm



3 bed - Hill Street

Well presented three bedroom semi-detached. Available to let immediately. Master bedroom with ensuite. Off road parking. Garage. Double glazing. Gas central heating. No smoking, no pets, no DSS.

Stourbridge £550 pcm



2 bed - High Street

A spacious two bedroom ground floor apartment in a period house having Hallway, Spacious Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Two good sized Bedrooms, Bathroom and courtyard garden with store. Available immediately for long term let.

Stourbridge £475 pcm



4 Bed - Prosper Meadow

Situated at the end of this pleasant development this four bedroom detached house comprises: Entrance Hall, separate WC, bay fronted lounge with double doors into Dining room, Fitted Kitchen, Landing, House bathroom, Garden, long driveway with car port and a separate Garage, pleasant rear Garden. Viewing via STOURBRIDGE office.

Kingswinford £209,950



4 Bed - Elgar Crescent

An extended David Payne Four bedroom detached property offering spacious family accommodation comprising: Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility, W.C., Conservatory, Family Bathroom, En-suite, Loft Room, Driveway, Garage, rear garden. Viewing recommended via STOURBRIDGE office.

Pensnett Offers Over £190,000



3 bed - Milton Street

A new build detached house on a corner plot with the benefit of an attached single garage. Landscaped gardens, fully double glazed throughout and an allocated garage to move in with an open plan lounge, dining area and kitchen layout to the ground floor. W.C., three bedrooms, bathroom. NO UPWARD CHAIN, PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED. VIEWING VIA STOURBRIDGE OFFICE.

Pensnett £135,000



2 bed - Promenade

This well presented cottage style property is close to Merry Hill. With accommodation to briefly comprise: Lounge, breakfast kitchen, on the first floor are two double bedrooms and the bathroom. The property benefits from off road parking to the rear of the property. Available Immediately. No pets, no smoking.

Brierley Hill £425 pcm



2 bed - Wordsley Court, High Street

Recently redecorated. Available to let immediately. Double glazing. Gas central heating. Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom and two double bedrooms. An early viewing is essential to avoid disappointment. No DSS, no pets, no smoking.

Stourbridge £495 pcm



1 bed - Victoria Court

This well presented one bedroom ground floor flat has spacious accommodation comprising of: Entrance hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, bathroom and double bedroom. The property has the benefit of off road parking including a garage and pleasant communal gardens. Viewing highly recommended. Available Immediately. No DSS|No Smokers|No Pets|Children.

£350 pcm

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170 Lawnswood Road



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Price: £279,950

WOLVERHAMPTON



Rodway Close, Ettingshall Park

Tremendously improved, spacious, ENLARGED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached at head of cul de sac with open aspect to front. Superb accommodation proportioned throughout, including large entrance hall, separate formal dining room, style fitted cloakroom with white suite, excellent lounge, separate dining room, refitted kitchen with a range of 'birch' effect units & a further lobby beyond with laundry recess off. Gallery landing, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom with white suite, block paved parking, nest sealed rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £199,950

WALL HEATH VILLAGE

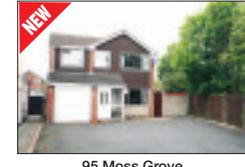


1 Brookside Way

Enjoying a very generous 'corner' position and exceptionally well placed within this mature and extremely sought after location, this IMMACULATEDLY PRESENTED, SPACIOUS, SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a superb proportioned layout throughout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, CAVITY WALL INSULATION and comprising: reception hall, very spacious & attractive lounge, fitted kitchen with built-in appliances, separate dining room / sitting room, utility room, ground floor W.C., three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, block paved parking, nest sealed rear garden. Set back beyond the very large front lawn, together with the DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE, together with a TIERED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £194,950

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95 Moss Grove

This SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND ATTRACTIVELY ALTERED AND IMPROVED DETACHED FAMILY HOME is superbly located just a short distance from the heart of Kingswinford and offers a PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS LIVING ROOM with a large open fire, a modern kitchen/diner, utility room, double glazing and a conservatory. The property also benefits from gas central heating, three bedrooms, a refitted bathroom and a large rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £194,950

WALL HEATH VILLAGE



75 Brook Street

A VERY LARGE MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which enjoys a highly sought after address, close to excellent schooling and shopping facilities. This modern family home offers an EXTREMELY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, CAVITY WALL INSULATION and comprising: entrance porch, entrance hall, three double bedrooms, refitted bathroom with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and beautifully re-appointed shower room. Set back beyond the LARGE FRONT / SIDE DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE, together with gated access to the VERY PLEASANT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £172,500

WORDSLEY



28 Coldstream Drive

Superbly located upon much sought after 'Rector Fields', this BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers an EXTREMELY WELL PROPORTIONED layout with a 'READY TO MOVE INTO', including UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, WARM AIR HEATING and comprising: reception hall, separate formal dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, three double bedrooms, refitted bathroom with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and beautifully re-appointed shower room. Set back beyond the LARGE FRONT / SIDE DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE, together with gated access to the VERY PLEASANT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £169,950

COSELEY



Flowerdale Close

A meticulously maintained, tremendously enhanced, freehold, upvc double glazed & gas centrally heated (combi boiler) detached in short cul-de-sac just off Berriwick Drive. The property offers an EXTREMELY WELL PROPORTIONED layout throughout, including entrance porch, entrance hall, refitted kitchen, former garage utilised as a utility room with matching units, transverse lounge/dining room and brick/pvc double glazed conservatory. Three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with re-appointed shower room en suite, two further bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with a white suite. Professionally landscaped gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £164,950

DUDLEY



Beaumaris Close (Off Richborough Drive)

An exceptionally well presented, tremendously enhanced, upvc double glazed & gas centrally heated, semi detached that has been the subject of significant expenditure in recent years. Set back within the corner of a cul-de-sac, the property offers: reception hall, SPLENDID LARGE 18' LOUNGE with feature fireplace, dining room, kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with a white suite, garage, landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £162,000

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18 Greencroft

Pleasantly located, set back within 'The Paddock' to enjoy a principle level setting, convenient for nearby local shops and amenities, this SPACIOUS, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW is most well presented throughout and now offers: reception hall, SPLENDID LARGE 18' LOUNGE with feature fireplace, dining room, kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with a white suite, garage, landscaped rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £154,950

LOWER GORNAL



Browning Road, Straits

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) & upvc double glazed semi detached in well regarded district with open aspect to front. Excellent accommodation includes glazed porch, reception hall, lounge with living flame feature gas fire, transverse 19ft. dining kitchen with a fine range of units, integrated appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom with white traditional style suite incorporating hip-bath, garage, garden with decking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £153,750

WOODSETTON



Brook Street

Significantly enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily upvc double glazed semi detached in well regarded district with open aspect to front. Excellent accommodation includes glazed porch, reception hall, lounge with living flame feature gas fire, transverse 19ft. dining kitchen with a fine range of units, integrated appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom with white traditional style suite incorporating hip-bath, garage, garden with decking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

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6 Marley Road

This ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is very well placed within this sought after and established location and offers: a very attractive layout which is enhanced by a large SITTING ROOM & ATTRACTIVELY LAYOUT PRIVATE REAR GARDEN and comprising: reception hall, well proportioned lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS plus ATTRACTIVELY REFITTED CONSERVATORY. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white traditional style suite incorporating hip-bath, garage, garden with decking. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £127,950

DUDLEY



Vanborough Walk, London Heights

Tremendously improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed DETACHED upon wider than average plot at head of cul de sac with excellent distant views. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, entrance hall, large living room, 24'3" through living/dining room, kitchen, utility room, three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with a white suite, garage, landscaped rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £141,950

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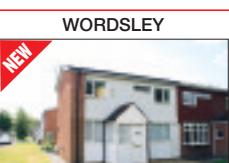


The Vista

A comparatively spacious, modernised/improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed semi detached within walking distance of Beacon and comprising entrance porch, reception hall, store, 17'10" through living/dining room, 14ft. breakfast kitchen, 23'6" through conservatory, utility room, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, landscaped rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

WORDSLEY



41 Wordsley Green

Enjoying a pleasant 'corner' setting OVERLOOKING OPEN PARK GROUNDS within this sought after and established location, this VERY SPACIOUS, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires updating throughout and offers: an EXTREMELY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, all of which is ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED and ATTRACTIVELY DECORATED comprising: entrance porch, large attractive lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom and separate w.c. Set well back from the road beyond the LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE and enjoying a DELIGHTFUL REAR GARDEN with superb canal outlook to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £114,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

Carder Drive

Presenting a very rare opportunity to purchase, is this modern built, one bedroom, gas centrally heated bungalow, sold with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and comprising: porch, hall, lounge, bedroom, bathroom, garden area to rear, driveway to front. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £94,950

Waverley Street

This Victorian style, three bedroomed, part upvc double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached home provides surprisingly spacious accommodation, and is sure to appeal to both first time buyers and investors alike. The property briefly comprises: side entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, and a low maintenance rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £84,950

Horn Road

This beautifully presented, modern style, upvc double glazed ground floor flat is situated in a popular residential location, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises: living room, re-fitted kitchen, bathroom with white suite, double bedroom with built in wardrobes, driveway, and lawned communal grounds to rear. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £72,950

STAMP DUTY PAID - RARE OPPORTUNITY! A significantly enlarged & extremely SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily upvc double glazed FIVE BEDROOM detached family home that has been modernised throughout and offers: entrance porch, entrance hall, large living room, 24'3" through dining room, kitchen, utility room, three double bedrooms, refitted bathroom with a white suite, garage, landscaped rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01902 880888

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'Woodmans Cottage' 186 Mount Pleasant

A SPACIOUS, period double-glazed detached family home which is delightfully situated within this highly sought after address, close to nestling woods, providing a DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS and EXTREMELY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, all of which is ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED and ATTRACTIVELY DECORATED comprising: entrance porch, large attractive lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen with built-in log burner, 20' x 12' refitted kitchen with built in appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom and separate w.c. Set well back from the road beyond the LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE and enjoying a DELIGHTFUL REAR GARDEN with superb canal outlook to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £249,950

SWINDON VILLAGE



£10,000 REDUCTION

Enjoying a much sought after location, WITH A DELIGHTFUL CANALSIDE ASPECT to the rear and 'open' front outlook, this IMPRESSIVE MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME combines a superb village setting with an extensive plot including a large rear garden. The property briefly comprises: entrance porch, entrance hall, large lounge, dining room, kitchen, three good bedrooms, bathroom with separate shower room, house bathroom and separate w.c. Set well back from the road beyond the LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE and enjoying a DELIGHTFUL REAR GARDEN with superb canal outlook to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Offers Around £239,950

28 Swinforde Way



Offers Around £239,950

SELDLEY



Tanglewood Grove, Northway

A comparatively SPACIOUS, conveniently maintained & significantly enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), and upvc double glazed detached family residence in a well regarded cul-de-sac backing on to wooded copse. Superb accommodation includes reception hall, fitted cloakroom, large room, with 17'9" range, separate kitchen, dining room, integrated oven, four bedrooms (principal 17' bedroom with a fine range of fitted wardrobes), bathroom, separate w.c., refitted conservatory, garage, landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £239,950

DUDLEY



Osberton Drive, Milking Bank

An exceptionally well presented & attractively altered, freehold, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed detached that has been transformed by present vendors in recent years to provide extremely stylish well proportioned accommodation. Envably situated in a quiet cul-de-sac close to adopted entrance hall, lounge with feature fireplace, dining room, integral/recessed L-shaped breakfast kitchen with a range of units with integrated oven, separate w.c., refitted conservatory, four bedrooms (principal 17' bedroom with a fine range of fitted wardrobes), bathroom, separate w.c., refitted conservatory, garage, landscaped rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01902 880888

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FURTHER REDUCTION

11 Greenbank Gardens

A SUBSTANTIAL & DISTINCTIVE MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which forms part of the sought after CUL DE SAC development of other detached properties, offering an IMMACULATE & EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS arrangement of accommodation with GAS CENTRAL HEATING/DUO GLAZING, three reception rooms, garage, double garage, off street parking, full width lounge, separate formal dining room/home office. SPLENDID OCCUPATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AS IS IT STANDING. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, en suite shower room to master and bedrooms one and two with fitted furniture and bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the LARGE BLOOMING FRONT GARDEN, DOUBLE GARAGE, FULLY MAINTAINED SECULDED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORF OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £194,950

DUDLEY



NEW PRICE

Cowley Drive, Milking Bank

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This immaculately presented, upvc double glazed, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed semi detached presented in superb order throughout & enbly situated overlooking park. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing entrance hall, through lounge, dining room, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom, separate shower room, garage, double garage, off street parking, full width lounge, separate formal dining room/home office. SPLENDID OCCUPATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AS IS IT STANDING. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, en suite shower room to master and bedrooms one and two with fitted furniture and bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the LARGE BLOOMING FRONT GARDEN, DOUBLE GARAGE, FULLY MAINTAINED SECULDED REAR GARDEN. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £185,950

DUDLEY



Priory Road

AN EXTREMELY SPACIOUS, significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed semi detached presented in superb order throughout & enbly situated overlooking park. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing entrance hall, through lounge, dining room, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom, separate shower room, garage, double garage, off street parking, full width lounge, separate formal dining room/home office. SPLENDID OCCUPATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AS IS IT STANDING. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, en suite shower room to master and bedrooms one and two with fitted furniture and bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the LARGE BLOOMING FRONT GARDEN, DOUBLE GARAGE, FULLY MAINTAINED SECULDED REAR GARDEN. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £168,500

COSELEY



The Paddock

A most impressive, exceptionally well presented & tremendously improved, modern style, gas centrally heated & vast majority upvc double glazed link detached family home situated in a quiet cul de sac. In the agents opinion, an internal inspection of this property will reveal a superb standard of accommodation which briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, splendid refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, dining room, four good bedrooms, bathroom, separate shower room, garage, double garage, lawned gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £158,950

LOWER GORNAL



NEW PRICE

Deepdale Lane

Descriptively spacious, ENLARGED, three bedroom semi detached with BASEMENT FLAT that has been 'transformed' in recent years and the gas centrally heated, upvc double glazed accommodation comprises: Ground floor - entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom, separate shower room (former garage). First floor - three bedrooms & a large store/utility room (former garage). Second floor - two bedrooms. To the rear of the store room down to a 'lower ground floor' comprising entrance section, bathroom, living/dining/bedroom areas with separate shower room, rear garden, good distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950

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£10,000 REDUCTION

34 Fernleigh Gardens

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW which enjoys a highly regarded cul-de-sac address close to shops/amenities, offering an incredibly spacious layout of accommodation. The property includes; entrance porch, Reception Hall, 28' Lounge-with-Dining Room area, fitted Kitchen, separate Utility Room, TWO EXCELLENT SIZEDED BEDROOMS (both with built in wardrobes), two Bathrooms, central heating, double glazing. The property is further enhanced by the front lawn, LONG FRONT/SIDE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. The property benefits a private aspect. KINGSWINFORF OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £149,950 - No Upward Chain

COSELEY



NEW PRICE

Ward Street

A CONSCIENTIOUSLY MAINTAINED, and significantly improved, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler), and mostly upvc double glazed detached convenient for so many amenities. Accommodation includes: reception hall, living/dining room, refitted kitchen, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom. Garage, delightful double rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

WOODSETTON



NEW PRICE

Sedgley Road

RARE OPPORTUNITY. Significantly ENLARGED/EXTENDED, 4/5 bedroom semi detached providing extremely flexible room layout. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, fourth bedroom (with shower room en suite), through living /dining room, extended/reftited breakfast kitchen with a fine range of high gloss units, a further further fitted kitchen. To the first floor are three bedrooms & a reappointed bathroom with white suite, sheltered rear garden with rear VEHICULAR ACCESS. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £145,950

KINGSWINFORF



£5,000 REDUCTION

63 Queen Street

A MOST ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE which is superbly located within walking distance of the heart of Kingswinford and schools, providing a VERY SPACIOUS arrangement of accommodation. The property briefly comprises: entrance porch, entrance hall, through lounge, dining room, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom, separate shower room, garage. To the rear of the property are three bedrooms & a reappointed bathroom with white suite. The property is slightly elevated back beyond a FULL WIDTH DRIVEWAY with GARAGE situated at the rear and enjoying a very pleasant enclosed rear garden. KINGSWINFORF OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £134,950

WOODSETTON



Vicarage Road West

Sedgley Road

TREMENDOUSLY MODERNISED, enhanced & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed semi detached of character that has been 'transformed' in recent months. Superb accommodation includes; entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge with walk-in bay, transverse dining kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units, various integrated appliances (and dishwasher), two double bedrooms, bathroom, separate shower room, stylish reappointed bathroom with contemporary look white suite & a shower, two carpeted, level/reduced rear garden. Price to include garage. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £132,000

KINGSWINFORF



78 Lingfield Way

A DECEPTIVE MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW which is superbly located in a very popular cul-de-sac setting upon Crestwood Park, which requires updating and has much potential to enhance the VERY SPACIOUS layout which includes; entrance porch, entrance hall, through lounge, dining room, kitchen, two double bedrooms and bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the front lawn, LONG FRONT/SIDE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE, a private long front garden. KINGSWINFORF OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £124,950 - No Upward Chain

DUDLEY



NEW PRICE

Valeborough Walk, London Heights

Occupying an elevated position, this immaculately presented, ENLARGED, modern upvc double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached has been conscientiously maintained by present owners. Accommodation comprises entrance porch, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite & separate shower cubicle, driveway, garage & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

COSELEY



NEW PRICE

Clifton Street, Hurst Hill

AN EXTREMELY SPACIOUS, double glazed and town house of character that has been tremendously enhanced/improved in recent years carefully retaining/enhancing many period features. Superb accommodation includes; dining room, extended/reftited breakfast kitchen with a fine range of high gloss units. Two double bedrooms, recently reappointed/bathroom with white suite. Externally there is a through garden, and a delightful garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

BRIERLEY HILL



NEW PRICE

Sorrel Walk

STANDING IN ITS OWN ESTABLISHED RESIDENTIAL LOCATION close to local facilities, is this gas centrally heated and double glazed modern style three bedroom semi detached residence which comprises; hallway, through lounge, kitchen, three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, gardens to the front and rear, garage, upvc gutter and fascia. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £114,995

LOWER GORNAL



NEW PRICE

Flavelles Lane

This immaculately presented, modern style upvc double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom mid town house that may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises; entrance hall, transverse lounge, kitchen with a fine range of units, two double bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden. Driveway, garage to rear and a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950

CRADLEY HEATH



PRICE REDUCTION

Bannister Street

Modern two bedroomed mid terrace having gas radiator heating and double glazing, requiring internal inspection and comprising; Reception hall, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden. HALESOWEN OFFICE 0121 550 3978

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UPPER GORNAL



Hill Street

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A modern, freehold, gas centrally heated & upvc double glazed traditional, gas centrally heated & improved in recent years set in popular neighbourhood with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS from the rear. Accommodation provides lounge, transverse breakfast kitchen, separate dining room, bathroom, separate shower room with white suite, sideboard, patio & ALLOCATED PARKING SPACE. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Apartment 1F comprising: Hall, living room, super fitted kitchen with integral oven, hob, dishwasher, fridge and freezer, two bedrooms, smart bathroom, separate shower room with additional w.c. Offers Around £99,950 (5% DEPOSIT PAID)

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Leys Road

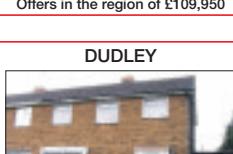
Ideally situated, close to all local amenities, is this gas centrally heated and upvc double glazed, two bedroomed mid townhouse, perfectly suited to the first time buyer or young family. The property briefly comprises; entrance hall, lounge, re-fitted kitchen, two first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, parking to the rear, rear garden area, tasteful decor. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £99,950

NETHERTON



DUDLEY



NEW PRICE

Elm Green, Old Park Farm estate

A freehold, part upvc single & part upvc double glazed semi detached requiring some careful updating but providing tremendous POTENTIAL. Accommodation includes reception hall, store, through lounge, separate dining room (former kitchen), pantry, kitchen (former utility area), separate toilet. THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, delightful secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £93,950

DUDLEY



Corser Street

This surprisingly spacious, double glazed (majority units being upvc) end townhouse available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and may be particularly suitable for a first time buyer. Situated in an established residential location, the property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, kitchen, transverse lounge with CONSERVATORY addition, two double bedrooms, splendid reappointed bathroom with white suite, garage to rear, front & rear gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £92,950

COSELEY



COSELEY

Bourne House, Bourne Street, Hurst Hill

RARE OPPORTUNITY, a comparatively spacious, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED & upvc double glazed first floor apartment (ground floor) with entry to a double aspect panelled wall, re-figured block, established, quiet neighbourhood. Sited in an established residential location, the property briefly comprises; reception hall, walk-in store, double bedroom, bathroom, shower room with superb 17'6" lounge/dining room, with TERRIFIC DISTANT VIEWS. kitchen, separate shower room, double garage, allocated parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £79,950

COSELEY



Central Drive

This well presented, gas centrally heated, two bedroom second floor apartment is conveniently situated for local amenities and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The beautifully appointed accommodation briefly comprises secure communal entrance, hallway, stylish lounge with bay, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, two double bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite and communal gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Offers around £114,950



**BRIERLEY HILL
FARM ROAD**

An attractively presented, considerably improved 3 Bedrommed Semi-Detached residence providing well planned Gas Centrally Heated and Upvc Double Glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or first time buyer. Situated in a quiet residential address close to Stevens Park and although requiring modernisation and improvement offers further potential. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge, Refitted Kitchen, Double Glazed Dining Room, 2 Bedromms. Refitted Bathroom with shower, pleasant lawned Rear Gardens feature decking and Southerly facing aspect and Driveway to the front.

Offers around £109,950



**QUARRY BANK
ALEXANDER HILL**

Providing spacious mostly gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation ideal for the first time buyer or young family this 3 Bedrommed Semi-Detached property enjoys a quiet residential address close to the town centre and schools close to Stevens Park and although requiring modernisation and improvement offers further potential. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge, Refitted Kitchen, Double Glazed Dining Room, 2 Bedromms. Refitted Bathroom with shower, pleasant lawned Rear Gardens feature decking and Southerly facing aspect and Driveway to the front.

Offers around £94,950



**BRIERLEY HILL
WATERSIDE GARDENS**

Enjoying a superb cul-de-sac setting just off Dudley Road, this delightfully presented 2 Bedrommed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation which briefly comprises:- Hall, downwa WC, spacious Kitchen/Diner, double glazed Dining Room, built in oven, hob and appliances, 4 good Bedromms (two with en-suite shower rooms), modern bathroom, 2 Bathrooms (one with shower over bath), Driveway and feature rear garden with raised decked balcony and backing onto the canal with potential for mooring etc.

Offers around £229,995



**DUDLEY
ABBOTSFORD DRIVE**

Enjoying superb large rear gardens at the furthest end of this very popular cul-de-sac close to the Hospital with scope for EXTENSIONS/DEVELOPMENT (subject to planning permissions) this spacious 2 Bedrommed Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation which briefly comprises:- Porch, Hall, spacious Lounge with archway to Dining Area, modern Kitchen/Diner, 2 Bedromms, Refitted Bathroom with shower over bath, 2 Bathrooms, side Garage, Driveway and further Workshop/Garage

Offers around £219,950



**NETHERTON
YEW TREE HILLS**

Pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address, this traditional Detached Bungalow provide spacious gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation which although requires modernisation and improvement offers further potential. Briefly comprises:- Hall, spacious Lounge with archway to Dining Area, modern Kitchen/Diner, 2 Bedromms, Refitted Shower Room, side Garage, Driveway and further Workshop/Garage

Offers around £159,950



**QUARRY BANK
STOUR VALLEY CLOSE**

This superbly improved Modern 3 Bedrommed Detached is pleasantly situated in this small cul-de-sac close to local schools, and provides very deceptive, gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation. INTERNAL INSPECTION STRONGLY ADVISED. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Superb Refitted Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 3 Excellent Bedromms, Fitted Bathroom with Shower, Side Garage, Enclosed Rear Gardens and Large Lawned Rear Garden with parking area and pedestrian access - only ideal for those with young children.

Offers around £140,000



**QUARRY BANK
DUNSLADE CRESCENT**

Enjoying splendid views from this popular and convenient address this attractive Modern 2 Bedrommed Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family, or professional couple and is pleasantly situated in the very popular Dunslade Crescent. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, 2 Bedromms, Conservatory/Dining Area, 2 Good Bedromms, attractively Refitted Shower Room, Side Garage, Lawned Rear Gardens and Driveway for 2 Cars to the front.

Offers around £134,950



**WORDLEY
SUTTON STREET**

AVAILABLE AT £125,000 IF SALE AGREED BY 21ST JUNE 2011 This attractive BRAND NEW 2 Bedrommed Detached residence is now rapidly nearing completion and offers well planned Gas Centrally Heated and Upvc Double Glazed accommodation ideal for the young family. First Time Buyer or rental couple and is pleasantly situated in the very popular Sutton Street. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Downstairs WC, spacious open plan Lounge with fitted Kitchen area, 2 Bedromms, fitted Bathroom, enclosed rear Garden and Driveway parking to the front.

Offers around £129,950



**PENSNETT
BLACKWATER CLOSE**

Most pleasantly situated at the furthest end of this popular cul-de-sac, this delightfully presented Modern 3 Bedrommed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family or professional couple in this popular cul-de-sac. Porch, Reception Hall, Stylish Lounge, Attractive Dining Room, Conservatory, 3 Good Bedromms, Conservatory/Dining Area, 2 Good Bedromms, attractively Refitted Shower Room, Side Garage, Lawned Rear Garden and Driveway for 4 Cars to the front.

Offers around £124,950



**BRIERLEY HILL
ULLSWATER RISE**

This superbly presented, improved 2 Bedrommed Link Detached provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or first time buyer. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, 2 Good Bedromms, Conservatory/Dining Area, 2 Good Bedromms, attractively Refitted Shower Room, Side Garage, Lawned Rear Garden and Driveway for 4 Cars to the front.

Offers over £124,950



**BRIERLEY HILL
BROCKLEY CLOSE**

Pleasantly situated just into this popular and convenient cul-de-sac, this attractively presented Modern 3 Bedrommed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family and briefly comprises:- Hall, Downstairs WC, spacious open plan Lounge with fitted Kitchen area, 2 Bedromms, Conservatory/Dining Area, 2 Good Bedromms, attractively Refitted Shower Room, Side Garage, Lawned Rear Garden and block paved driveway for 4 cars to the front.

Offers around £119,950



**QUARRY BANK
ANNE ROAD**

Pleasantly situated in this popular, mature and convenient cul-de-sac, this attractively presented 2 Bedrommed Detached residence provides spacious, Upvc double glazed accommodation with night storage heating and although requiring modernisation and improvement offers further potential. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, 2 Good Bedromms, Conservatory/Dining Area, 2 Good Bedromms, attractively Refitted Shower Room, Side Garage, Lawned Rear Garden with parking area and pedestrian access - only ideal for those with young children.

Offers around £99,950



**DUDLEY WOOD
CRABOURNE ROAD**

Pleasantly situated in this popular, mature and convenient cul-de-sac, this attractively presented 2 Bedrommed Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or first time buyer. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, 2 Good Bedromms, Conservatory/Dining Area, 2 Good Bedromms, attractively Refitted Shower Room, Side Garage, Lawned Rear Garden with parking area and pedestrian access - only ideal for those with young children.

Offers around £99,950



**PENSNETT
MULLETT STREET**

This delightful modern, newly improved 2 Bedrommed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or first time buyer. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, 2 Good Bedromms, Conservatory/Dining Area, 2 Good Bedromms, attractively Refitted Shower Room, Side Garage, Lawned Rear Garden and Driveway to the front. With State of the Art Steam Cab, Side Utility Store, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens and Driveway to the front.

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DUDLEY WOOD

• Three Bedroom Bay Fronted End Terrace Residence • Two Reception Rooms • Fitted Kitchen • Upstairs Bathroom • Gas Central Heated System • Double Glazing Where Stated • Extensive Land To The Side & Rear • NO Upward Chain

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REDUCED NETHERTON



WALKER STREET

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Middle Meadow

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Woodside £94,950



Avenue Road

A well presented and much improved mid-terrace property. Accommodation briefly comprising entrance hall, down stairs bathroom, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and rear garden, double glazing, gas central heating, double glazing as specified. No Upward Chain.

Dudley £135,000



Stourbridge Road

A traditional detached property in need of modernisation, comprises hall, three reception rooms, conservatory, kitchen, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garden to the front and rear, garage. No Upward Chain.

Dudley £119,950



Denbigh Close

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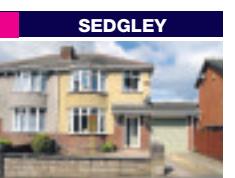
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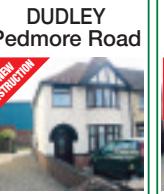
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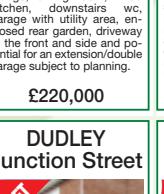
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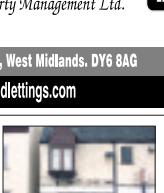
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Model T Ford experience was such a thrill

THERE'S nothing like stalling a car at a set of traffic lights and watching a queue of impatient drivers wait for your next move to bring you back down to earth with a bump.

Thankfully I didn't have to lift a finger – I had a man jump out and turn the starting handle for me. This was a driving lesson with a difference.

When a car has three pedals, including reverse in the centre and the brake on the right plus a hand throttle, it's best to take expert advice before mixing it with more modern metal.

And that's exactly what I did before taking to the roads of Dagenham in a Model T. In case you didn't know, Ford in the UK is 100 years old.

It's a happy coincidence that the firm has launched its all-new Focus "world car" this year, and its arrival is a good opportunity to take the wheel of what started it all those years ago.

The Model T's inception and subsequent lengthy production run is a story in itself.

What's just as interesting is how cars have both changed out of all recognition yet in many ways have stayed the same since Ford's original world car broke cover.

To drive, the Model T appears to be simplicity itself. In reality, at least to a vintage car novice, things couldn't be more different.

The lack of convention – the pedals are a prime example – prompts you to concentrate doubly hard, while the car's hand throttle and long-throw handbrake-cum-gear selector demand a new level of dexterity.

Get it right, though, and the feeling of achievement is

By Iain Dooley

a special one. Get it wrong and you've most likely stalled the car or have found yourself travelling a bit too fast for that 20th-century speed hump. The car's brakes are, shall we say, modest by current standards.

After a brisk drive around the local area – including a trio of stalls – it was back into a BMW 5 Series. A simple push of a button turned over its super-efficient six-cylinder turbo diesel motor. Contrast that with a few, firm turns on a starting handle and the need to keep your thumb out of the way in case the handle kicked back.

Respect

The experience was both exciting and humbling, 20mph felt twice as fast thanks to the car's lack of roof and basic windscreens. It also generated a lot of respect for those early motorists. I was out on a sunny day, but imagine having to contend with wind, rain or worse on a regular basis. Even with the roof in place, the protection offered was minimal. No question, those early adopters were a hardy bunch.

It's true that we've never had it so good when it comes to the technology and refinement of modern cars. But when you examine something like a Model T, you realise that little has changed. There's still a wheel at each corner and one for the driver to hold, drive to the engine is via a shaft and the fundamental technology behind the Model T's engine is closer to that 5 Series than BMW would like to admit.

I'm not demanding my own personal jetpack but I do hope the next 100 years sees a bigger leap in car design.



Flying the flag – a Model T Ford on the road in Edinburgh during a vintage parade

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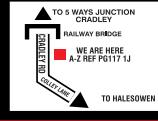
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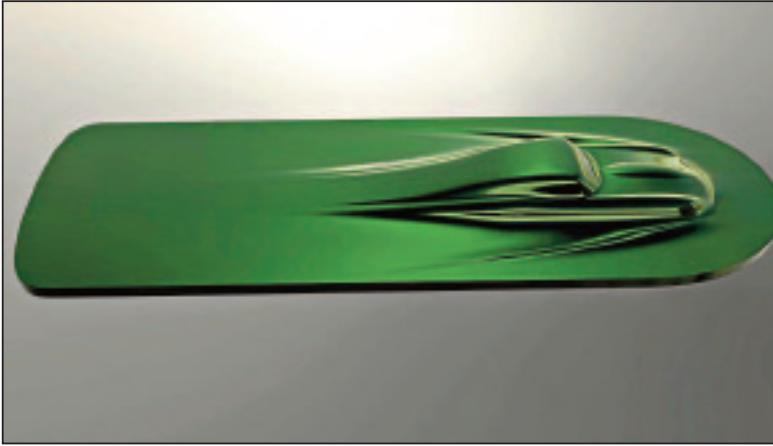
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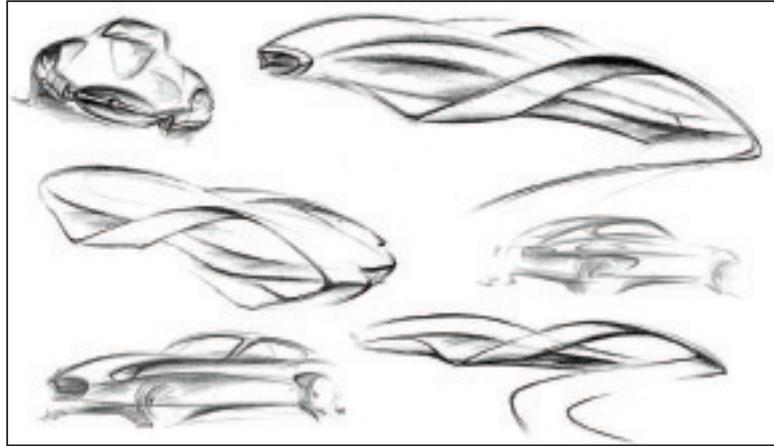
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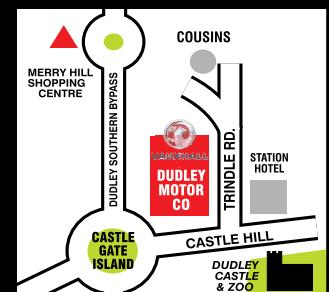
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TOYOTA AVENSIS CDX 1997, FSH, leather seats, aircon, 11 months MoT, 4 months tax, very reliable. £795. 0no. 01902 601322.

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SPORT

Bowlers in charge as Stourbridge win once more

Worcester (0pts) 106,
Stourbridge (20pts) 107-1.

STURBRIDGE Stourbridge firsts notched up another 20 points to stay top of division one of the Worcester league.

Home skipper Richard Bradley, with one eye on possible intervention by the weather, put the visitors in after winning the toss.

Worcester found Stour's opening attack of James Musk and Jitesh Patel problematic. Oliver Peppiatt was first to go, pinned lbw for two by Musk running in from the footfall end.

Patel then bowled skipper Daniel Musk for 18 just as he was looking set.

Worcester were looking to maintain a reasonable run rate only for Dave Jones to replace Musk and rip through three of

Stourbridge CC

the Worcester batsmen in quick succession. He bowled Jack Horton for a duck, had opener Nick Brown caught for 19, and bowled Matty Walters for nine.

Captain Bradley kept one end tied up with the leg spin of Audi Alexander and at 63-5 applied the coup de grace by bowling on Matt Bradley for the successful Jones.

Crumbled

The lower order crumbled as Bradley dismissed Cameron Williams (14), Dan Keyte (four), James Padden (0) and bowled Luke Deeprose for five. Simon Keyte remained not out 21 to end a forgettable performance from Worcester who were dismissed for 106.

Matt Bradley ended with 4-14 and

Jones 3-24. Stourbridge's reply after tea brought immediate celebrations for Worcester's Matt Walters who dismissed opener Alex Bingham for eight in the third over.

But that was as good as it got for Worcester as Matt Bradley and Josh Banks set off in quick pursuit of the target.

Bradley hit 40 not out off 44 balls and Stour's unbeaten 50 came off 40 balls and included eight fours and a six.

Stour reached the finishing line in just 15 overs and remain in the hunt for the league title.

Stourbridge (4pts) 230-6, Hagley (20pts) 234-1. Hagley won by nine wickets

Stourbridge seconds suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of Hagley. Put in to bat Stour accumulated 230-6 off 50 overs with opener Ian Biddle hitting 57, young

Ben Mantom 42 and Matt Ross missing out on the half-century by one run.

In the field, Stour came up against Hagley batsman Ben Wooldridge who smashed the bowlers all around Hagley Hall Park. He virtually won the match single-handed in making a splendid 161 not out as Hagley got home in the 33rd over.

Ross on Wye (10pts) 293-7, Stourbridge (4pts) 167-7. Draw

Stourbridge thirds' bowlers were unable to stem the flow but their batsmen held out for a draw.

Stourbridge skipper Peter Griffiths won the toss and inserted Ross on Wye in a game reduced to 48 overs per side due to rain. The first three Ross batsmen were all in the runs as James Tiffen (68), Harry King (54) and Graham Howls (51) gave Stour's fielders the run around.

The visitors amassed 293-5 but Stourbridge batted steadily to reach 167-7 with Chris Nongrove's 60 providing the backbone of the innings.

Will Jennings contributed 35 as Stour never looked in any real danger of being bowled out on an easy paced wicket.

Ross on Wye (24pts) 238, Stourbridge (5pts) 132.

Ross on Wye won by 106 runs

Stour fourths made the long journey to play Ross on Wye seconds who made 238 off 45 overs. Skipper Stuart Tucker contributed an unbeaten 90 with David Long making 53 in support.

Sixteen-year-old Areeb Mohammed took a fine 5-42.

Stour's young side struggling were all out for 132 with youngsters Heran Patel (20) and Billy Green (31) topping the scoresheet.

County, players' mixed fortunes

THREE members of Stourbridge Chess Club were in county action at the weekend.

On Saturday, the Worcestershire team for players graded under 140 played Hampshire in the national semi-finals.

Worcestershire lost 9-7 in a close-fought encounter.

Of the three Stourbridge players Jeremy Humphries won, Paul Sharrett drew and John Loynes lost.

At the Stourbridge club's AGM the President's Cup, awarded for services to the club, went for the seventh consecutive year to secretary and treasurer Dave Scriven. The Denis Fernihough Trophy, awarded for most improved player, was shared by Paul Sharratt and Colin Woodall – both relative newcomers to the club whose play has improved tremendously throughout the season.

Friendly

The Sydney Willets Trophies, awarded to the best club player, was presented to Jeremy Fellowfield who put in an excellent performance as board one for the first team in both the Birmingham and Wolverhampton leagues.

The annual post-season friendly Tony Evers match against Halesowen will be held on July 6 at the Stourbridge Institute.

The club's summer tournament, a five-round competition using Swiss pairing, is now under way.

The system means all players have the opportunity to compete in each of the five rounds and are paired against an opponent with the same score.

The second round is on June 23.

Anyone interested in joining Stourbridge Chess Club should contact Dave Scriven on 01384 423642 or visit www.stourbridgechess.f9.co.uk for more information.

Sandwell through

Sandwell 93 Stoke 75

SANDWELL took the honours on a cold and wet Sunday when they beat Stoke to go through to the next round of cycle speedway's British Team Championship.

Both sets of riders deserved praise for riding in the rain which fell all afternoon and worsened as the match went on.

It was not an afternoon of great racing but it had its moments. Lewis Bates for Stoke again showing how happy he is on Sandwell's track.

Lee Smith, Sandwell Lions' young international, defied the rain to top score for his side with 16 points.

Open day at tennis club

A BLACK COUNTRY tennis club is looking for new members.

Old Hill Tennis Club, based in Barrs Road, Cradley Heath has competitive teams for both adults and juniors.

The club's men's and ladies' teams have both recently gained promotion and the club has had floodlights installed.

Old Hill is staging an open afternoon on Sunday, June 26 from 2-4pm with new members welcome.

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Southgate signals a wind of change within football

Battling Karlsson fights in vain



Wolves' Peter Karlsson leads Darcy Ward and Renat Gafurov as he battles in vain to save his side from defeat at Poole

Pool 56 Wolves 36

WOLVES had a welcome 10-day break from club action after this mauling in Dorset on Wednesday last week.

Of course, such is the modern game that riders were still jetting round to matches in Sweden, Poland et al.

But the break until the cup match at Eastbourne on Saturday (June 18) could not have come at a better time.

Ludvig Lindgren had a horrifying smash at Wimborne Road while Tai Woffinden, already

nursing his injured shoulder, collected his fifth fall in two meetings.

They looked a team in need of a break to regroup.

Actually, Wolves attacked this fixture at the league's strongest side with plenty of zest, epitomised in the very first heat by Ty Proctor's surprise win.

The Aussie jetteted out of the start and found the pursuing Dennis Andersson unable to lay a finger on him.

Top guns Fredrik Lindgren and Chris Holder were left to fight over

at full speed, did wonderfully well to miss the fallen rider but hit his machine and took a sickening fall and was knocked unconscious.

Poole cantered home after that with Lindgren's concerned elder brother Fredrik suffering a rare winless night, his double-point tactical outing netting only four points thanks to Darcy Ward.

But the excellent Karlsson managed to put a dent into the scorecard of every home rider he faced at one time or another.

Wolves' second tactical ride should have gone to Woffinden in heat 14 – his easiest outing of the night, duly won.

But a suspicion of blurred vision from his crash initially put his further participation in doubt, so Karlsson had to carry the flag in the horribly difficult heat 13 and promptly had his one unsuccessful heat of the night.

Poole: Darcy Ward 12-1, Davey Watt 10-1, Andersson 7-2, Renat Gafurov 9-2, Dennis Andersson 7-2, Jason Doyle 7-2, Christian Hefenbrock 4-1.

Wolves: Peter Karlsson 11, Fredrik Lindgren 7, Tai Woffinden 6, Ricky Wills 4-1, Ty Proctor 4, Ludvig Lindgren 2, Tyson Burmeister 2.

No damage for lucky Lindgren in smash

WOLVES rider Ludvig Lindgren appears to have suffered no long-term damage from a terrifying crash at Poole.

The Swede was knocked unconscious in a top-speed smash on the home straight in heat 10.

He had miraculously avoided the fallen Tai Woffinden but clipped his teammate's machine before smashing head first into the track and finishing up prone on the centre green.

Team boss Peter Adams went to hospital after the match with Lindgren's elder brother Fredrik and found the rider in good spirits. "He doesn't think he's done any damage," said Adams. "He was complain-

ing about pain in his shoulder and neck.

"They were putting him into a neck collar to go home and he reckoned that was causing all the discomfort. Once they took that off, he was quite chirpy!"

"He doesn't remember anything about the lead-up to the crash," added Adams.

"He reckons he's never been knocked out before – and he doesn't want to try it again."

Lindgren is extraordinarily lucky. He was incapable of speech when anxious skipper Peter Karlsson approached him after the smash.

"He couldn't really say anything," said Karlsson. "I tried to talk to him, but there was no response."

"It's the worst that can happen, if something happens on the straight. You've got no room to manoeuvre, no brakes, nothing. You're just a passenger."

"I didn't see the crash, but I heard he did very well to miss Tai. But he coped it himself."

Karlsson was left to rue a bright spot of sorts in his side's defeat at Poole – the glare which caused Tai Woffinden's first crash.

It meant a six-point swing in a rerun heat and Karlsson felt it was a pivotal moment.

"We had them, really," he said. "Tai crashed because of the sunshine. We couldn't see anything for the first five or six races."



Trevor Brooking is on a mission to transform the Premier League



Gareth Southgate unveils his plans at the Banks's Stadium in Walsall

sport

HIMLEY NARROW GAP ON LEADERS

HIMLEY closed the gap on table-toppers Barnt Green after beating Wellington and the weather.

Stuart Wedge's side were the only top flight winners on a rain interrupted afternoon with their four-wicket victory moving them within four points of the leaders.

Richard Jones took 3-41 to help dismiss Wellington for 166 with Shafiq Ahmed's unbeaten 39 then steering Himley home.

Kidderminster held on for a losing draw against Shrewsbury. Craig Wood (44) and Dan Pyke (41 not out) were the mainstays for Kidderminster as they finished on 174-9 in reply to Shrewsbury's 211-9 – Mark Mansell picking up 4-58.

Worcestershire's Moen Ali was the star turn as Wolverhampton bagged a winning draw from their clash with fellow Premier Division strugglers Smethwick.

Ali struck a classy 110 to help Wolverhampton to a challenging total of 292-5.

Ali's New Road colleague Aneesh Kapil (50) and stand-in skipper Simon Lyett (48 not out) provided support.

In a rain-affected clash, Smethwick reached 142-4 in reply.

Jack Manuel made 45 as Walsall staved off defeat at Moseley, finishing on 140-9 in reply to the home side's 207-8.

Ateeq Javed (71) and Jeet Raval (60) were in the runs as West Bromwich Dartmouth posted 251 against Leamington.

Saved

But Leamington took the winning draw as they made 160-1.

The weather saved Wombourne from a probable defeat at Bromsgrove in Division One.

Liam Hughes and Ian Walker struck half-centuries for Wombourne as they posted 241-7, but Bromsgrove were well placed on 174-3 when the rain came. Worcestershire's Alex Kervezer made a rapid 81.

Old Hill fell just short of victory against Brockhampton.

Nigel Davenport (37) and Carl Whyte (32) made useful contributions as Old Hill scored 232-9.

Zafran Ali then bagged five wickets for Old Hill but Brockhampton survived on 192-9.

Fordhouses bagged a second successive Division Two victory following a tense seven-run win over Water Orton.

An undefeated 74 from Ijaz Yousaf took Ford-

Shining season for Lamp's Villa



Trophy time – Dudley Villa players gather for their end of season awards ceremony with silverware on show

ADUDLEY pub football team is celebrating the end of an incredible season in which it claimed four trophies.

Dudley Villa, based at The Lamp Tavern in High Street, won the Dudley Metro Cup, Kidderminster League Cup, Kidderminster Hospital Cup and Kidderminster Saturday Division One Cup.

Manager and coach Lee Wheeler labelled the team's success a once in a lifetime achievement. "We have a fantastic team playing some great football," he said.

The club is now looking for new sponsors for next season.

Enormous

Lee added: "Success is expensive; we need to raise funds constantly and are looking for additional sponsors."

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All four cups were put on display recently when the players held their end of season awards ceremony at The Lamp Tavern.

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"The Lamp has been their home for nearly three months now and they have gone from success to success."

Hundred swimmers taking aim at record

SWIMMERS from clubs including Halesowen and Stourbridge are attempting to seize a Guinness world record currently held in Germany.

One hundred swimmers aged from 14-19 will swim 100 metres freestyle in a giant relay.

They are looking to beat the current world mark of one hour, 53 minutes and 13 seconds.

The swimmers take to the water at Wolverhampton's Central Baths on Sunday (June 19) after the

county relay competition.

Wolverhampton City Council has donated the pool time while Worcester County Swimming Association is taking care of the technical support.

Backing

There is also backing for the event from Amros Promotions and Swimrite, which are supplying hats and T-shirts to all the swimmers.

In addition, the record bid has won financial backing from the

West Midlands Amateur Swimming Association, Hi-Profile Custom Extrusions Ltd, Bennett's Farmhouse Ice Cream, Marshfield Farm Ice Cream and Stratford Fine Foods Ltd.

As well as the money coming in, competitors are also hoping to see plenty go out. They are all trying to get sponsorship for their record attempt, with the funds raised split between Midlands Air Ambulance and Worcestershire Breast Unit Campaign.

The following clubs are participating: Bromsgrove, Droitwich, Evesham, Haden Hill, Halesowen, Ledbury, Oldbury, Pershore, Redditch, Ross, Stourbridge, Warley Wasps, Worcester and Wyre Forest.

Anyone interested in providing corporate or personal sponsorship should call Neil on 07786 154411 or Sarah on 07860 731602.

Alternatively, email neil-monhouse@hotmail.co.uk or sarah.allin@o2.co.uk

Bowled over by a chance to be active

ONE of Tipton's longest running bowls groups is looking for new participants to join them for a game.

The group hold weekly bowls session for all ages and abilities at Tipton Sports Academy on Wednesday Oak Road.

Sessions take place on Thursdays from 10am until noon, costing £1.55.

Lisa Rashid, Physical Activity Officer for Sandwell Leisure Trust, explained that the sessions have been set up to encourage older people to become more active.

"A lot of people don't realise that an activity such as bowls is considered as a form of physical activity and could add to their recommended 5x30 minutes of exercise per week," she said.

Social

"It's also a great way to meet new people and have fun!"

"There is currently a group of participants who attend from Age Concern that really enjoy the session and combine physical activity with being social and meeting their friends."

For more information visit the website www.slt-leisure.co.uk or call Tipton Sports Academy on 0845 659 4815 and select option five.



Lisa Rashid, right, with bowler Gini Lawrence

Trainee teacher is up for award

A TRAINEE PE teacher at a Sandwell school is in the running for a top award. Elliot Browne, who works at Briston Hall Technology College in Oldbury, has been put forward for the Robert Owen Group Co-operative Trainee Teacher Award.

Physical education teacher Browne, who is also a former pupil of the Briston Hall Lane school, was nominated by his university tutor for the award.

Miss Phillips Churm, who is assistant headteacher at Briston Hall, said: "When you are doing your teacher training your university tutors have to do observations."

Impressed

"They have been so impressed with Elliot that he has been nominated for an award," she added.

"He was a student here himself and a former head boy."

"He will also start a job as a newly qualified teacher here in September."



Elliot Browne has his hands full at school
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Hard work for umpires as rain tumbles down

COMPLICATED timing calculations for umpires were the order of the day in the Worcester Cricket League as rain caused several delayed starts.

But Division One sees Stourbridge asserting themselves as potential champions after five wins in seven completed matches, writes Chris Marsh.

They brushed Worcester aside for 106 and racked up a nine-wicket victory, giving them a 24-point lead over Worcester Nomads.

The Nomads and rock-bottom Redditch endured a frustrating afternoon with the covers on and off numerous times.

Whirlwind

But after Redditch made 153 a whirlwind 129 not out from Liam O'Driscoll, who reached his century in 38 balls, helped the Nomads home in fewer than 15 overs.

Elsewhere Pershore were unable to shift the last Romsey batsman while Bromyard also held up Astwood Bank's progress.

Oldswinford climbed to fourth, beating Bromwich thanks to Tony Brewer's 107 and Pedmore thrashed Bewdley by 167 runs.

In Division Two Colwall and Monmouth both slipped up enabling Hagley to climb to the summit.

Belbroughton beat Malvern thanks to 123 from Geoff Day; Netherton won by one wicket at Kidderminster and Burghill got the better of their draw at Worcester Dominies.

In Division Three Rushwick beat Chadlesley to stay 18 points clear. Alvechurch sit second after a win over Old Vigorians thanks to Jim Clifford's 126. Andy Siwick's 123 not out was good enough for Stourport to beat Ley, while Enville beat Cookley and Birmingham overcame Himbleton.

In Division Four leaders Tenbury could take only a losing draw and Alveley's win over Martley closed the gap to eight points.

Alveley overtook Stourbridge Social, who drew with Tenbury, while Barnards Green beat Bringtons. Himley are fifth thanks to a winning draw at Amblecote and the final game saw Peter Andrews make 104 for Canon Frome who drew at Avoncroft.

Division Five still has Old Hill thirds out in front despite their game at Barnet Green being abandoned at tea. They head Bromsgrove by just six points.

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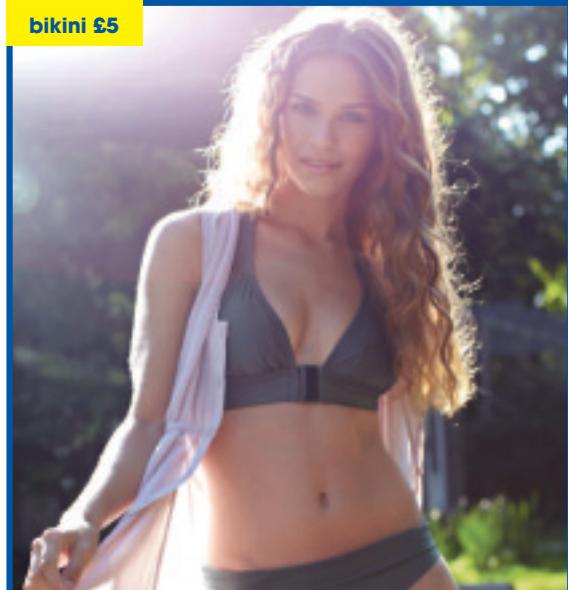
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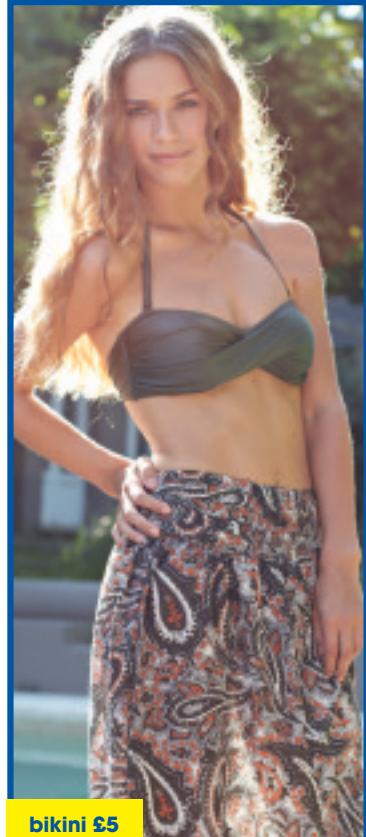
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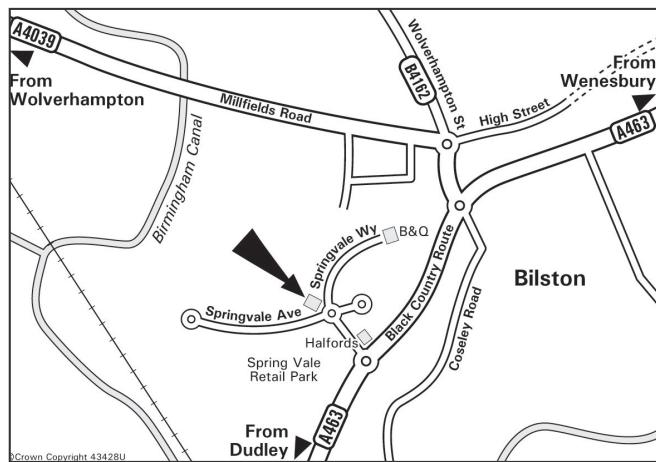


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